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REDS LAUNCH YANGTSE ATTACK

Stalin Names Place For Truman Meeting

Paris, February 2.—Generalissimo Stalin today invited President Truman to meet him either in Moscow, Kailinograd, Odessa or Yalta—wherever the President chooses—in a telegram to the International News Service in Paris, reproduced in a special edition of the evening newspaper, France Soir.

Generalissimo Stalin's message said the meeting could be alternatively arranged in Poland or Czechoslovakia. If there were any objections to a meeting in the Soviet Union, the message, marked "Telegram, Official Urgent," was addressed to Mr. Kingsbury Smith, the European director of the American news agency.

It was apparently in reply to a telegram sent by Mr. Kingsbury Smith to the Kremlin yesterday.

The Soviet Premier said he had for a long time wanted to go to Washington, but he was medically advised against a long journey by sea or air.—Reuter.

Li Tsung-jen May Try Personal Flight Into Communist Territory

Nanking, February 2.—President Li Tsung-jen may make a personal flight into Communist territory in the interests of peace if other efforts fail.

Sources close to President Li said he has already considered such a venture—despite the fact that he is on the Red war criminal list.

Should the President seek a meeting with Mao Tse-tung and other Red leaders at a place of their choice, there is increasing doubt here he could offer them more than a regional peace involving Hankow, Nanking and Shanghai.

The time has passed when Li or anyone else other than Chiang Kai-shek can make an agreement involving the whole nation and keep it," one Chinese leader said. "There is even doubt that Chiang himself could make such a binding on all areas of China."

It appeared to many here that the President was under pressure from cliques already moved South and that he might shift the emphasis of his efforts from negotiation on a national scale to dealing only on the Yangtse Valley.

Delivery of the lower Yangtse from Hankow to the sea to the Reds in exchange for certain concessions would in many ways resemble the transaction by which Fu Tse-yi surrendered Peking.

Favourable Position

President Li is in a position, with the help of General Fu, to negotiate for surrender of these three cities and to deliver, should he reach agreement with the Reds.

Complete absence of the military in the Nanking area strengthened belief that the President was making some progress in his efforts although there was an official silence on the subject.

A personal peace envoy of President Li meanwhile, has left on a secret 75-mile journey up the Grand Canal through Red territory in Kiangsu Province to contact the Red Army headquarters at Hwaiyin.

Messages today from Chin-kiang, opposite the mouth of the Grand Canal, said that the envoy would attempt to persuade the Communist not to attack the Nanking-Shanghai area while the Government was intensifying its attempts to negotiate for peace.

Govt Gunboats Sink Red Craft Attempting Crossing

STRATEGIC ICHENG SHELLED

Nanking, February 2.—Communist forces early today launched the first reported attack across the Yangtse River on Nationalist-held Kiangyin, about 85 miles North West of Shanghai, employing mortars and small-arms fire.

The British destroyer, Black Swan, passing down the Yangtse from Nanking, was reported to have witnessed the attack. Black Swan continued her voyage past Kiangyin to Shanghai without incident.

(As she was passing Kiangyin, gun fire was heard and flares were observed in the direction of a village, it was learned in Hong Kong yesterday.)

Nationalist gunboats early today also opened fire on Communist river craft, discovered on the Yangtse near Kiangyin. Two Communist boats were sunk, according to messages from Chin-kiang.

General Hsueh Issues Denial

Canton, February 2.—General Hsueh Yueh, Governor of Kwangtung, today denied he told a foreign news agency he would form an independent four-province military bloc to fight the Communists regardless of the outcome of the forthcoming peace talks.

In a denial issued through Central News, General Hsueh said he also did not tell the foreign agency that he would not welcome shifting the capital to Canton or that he would welcome the Premier Dr. Sun Fo to Canton only to lead the four-province anti-Communist bloc.

He said he was misquoted.—United Press.

Attack Village

Reports that the Communists had begun crossing the Yangtse were not confirmed locally. The latest messages said that the Communists early today had attacked a small village on the North bank of the river, opposite Kiangyin. The village is South of Tsin-kiang, captured by the Communists.

Communist forces along the river were reported to be attempting to hire junks from civilian boatmen and concentrate vessels in the Grand Canal, ready for the Yangtse crossing.

Yangtse naval gunboats today also commenced shelling Icheng, 26 miles North East of Nanking, according to Chinese reports today.

The reports said Communist forces occupied three-fourths of Icheng while Nationalist troops still held an area stretching from the city's South gate to the North bank of the Yangtse River.

Control of Icheng by Red General Chen Yi's forces, which were reported to have brought up heavy artillery pieces, would put the Communists in an excellent position to hurl shells across the river and knock out the Nanking-Shanghai railway.

"Not Clear"

The military situation at Tsin-kiang, Nationalist-held city 120 miles East of Nanking, became "not clear" today as military and commercial telegraph communications between that city and Chin-kiang were broken. The term "not clear" used in press despatches usually indicates the fall of a place is imminent, if not already captured.

General Lo Chwan-to, of the Nationalist garrison headquarters, denied the reports that Kwangsi troops had taken over the defenses of Pukow and Puchen, a few miles North of Nanking.

About two-thirds of General Li Yen-mien's Nationalist 6th army still held the Pukow perimeter, General Lo said.

Civilians are slowly trickling back to Pukow after the mass exodus in the past few weeks. Pukow's populace abandoned the city after it appeared that Communist troops possibly might attempt to capture it.

At Communist-occupied Yangchow, 40 miles North East of Nanking, a regional Red war criminals list has been issued, according to messages received in the capital. Municipal councillors, who have not fled from the city, were said to have been arrested. Several money speculators have been shot.

General Chang Chih-chung, North West China commander

and one of the Government peace delegates, told the Central News at Lanchow today that the Communist insistence on punishment of war criminals has not dashed all hopes for peace.

Red Strategy?

General Chang's views coincided with opinion of other peace advocates inside the Government, who steadfastly refused to accept the theory of the war group that the war criminal condition closed the door to peace.

A highly placed source advanced the belief that Communist insistence on the punishment of war criminals was made with the primary objective of scaring away former Government ultra-conservative elements who are closely identified with retired President Chiang Kai-shek.

In Canton meanwhile, the possibility of the Nationalist Cabinet holding its first meeting in the new capital of Canton on Saturday is thought to be remote.

This follows Nanking reports that President Li Tsung-jen has urged Cabinet Ministers in Canton and other Chinese cities to return to Nanking.

No important Ministers, however, have arrived here.

Russians Arrive

Further representatives of the British, Indian and Russian Embassies arrived today. Representatives of other foreign missions, including the French and Canadian, are expected in the next few days.

The Russian delegation arriving today was headed by M. Roschin, Soviet Ambassador.

Although most foreign diplomats are staying in the Ol Kwan, the city's most modern hotel, requisitioned for the purpose by the Government, the Russians are living apart. They are staying in their own adjoining buildings in Shamen.

The Counsellor to the British Ambassador, Mr. J. A. Coghill, arrived further. British party that arrived from Nanking today, while four members of the Indian Embassy staff, led by the First Secretary, Mr. P. Ratman, are also here.

Other foreign diplomats who are already in Canton are Mr. Lewis Clark, United States Minister, Mr. L. Merchant, Counsellor to the United States Ambassador, and Mr. Charles Lee, First Secretary of the Australian Embassy.—Reuter-AAP and United Press.

Rita With Future In-Laws



The American film star, Miss Rita Hayworth, (centre) poses for a picture with her prospective parents-in-law, the Aga Khan and the Begum. Behind Rita stands Prince Aly Khan. The picture was taken at a press conference held in Cannes recently, in the course of which the Aga Khan gave his blessing for the couple's proposed marriage. Also in picture (left background) is Mr. Mr. J. G. B. Campbell, of the Guaranty Trust Bank in Paris.—(AP Photo).

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More Than 20 Killed In Canton Explosion

More than 20 military personnel were killed on Tuesday in a fire which broke out on a petrol laden landing craft at Canton.

A terrific explosion, followed by a series of smaller ones, set 3,000 drums of aviation petrol alight. Windows within a radius of half a mile were shattered.

The blaze, which started at 10.20 a.m., burned furiously throughout the day. It began dying down at 6 p.m. and burned itself out early yesterday morning.

The drums of petrol were among some 3,000 cases of ammunition shipped by the landing craft from Shanghai. The craft belonged to the Chinese Merchant Steam Navigation Company.

The craft arrived at Canton during the Chinese New Year holidays. Fortunately, all the cases of ammunition were unloaded before the explosion occurred.

Workers Injured

A number of workers on shore were injured by blast and debris.

The landing craft was alongside the military wharf at Talmatou when the explosion occurred.

Canton's entire air fighting force—12 fire-engines and a number of auxiliary appliances—were sent to the area but all the firemen could do was to prevent nearby structures from being set alight.

The Canton authorities have ordered an official enquiry into the fire.

The Weather

At 0800 GMT (3 p.m. HKST) a Siberian anticyclone is gradually intensifying and spreading SE over China with a ridge extending SE across the Ryukyu. A shallow depression now centred over the Pacific SSE of Tokyo continues to move E. Pressure gradients over the area are gradually increasing.

Today's Forecast: Light and variable winds at first E or NE later. For stretches clearing during the morning. Becoming fair.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum 72.0 deg. F. Minimum 52.0 deg. F. Sunshine 7.8 hours.

Kiaifall Nil. Total since Jan. 1—5.0 mm.—0.8 inch, as against an average of 55.0 mm.—2.18 inches.

Readings at 10 a.m. 4 p.m.

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STOP PRESS

Paris, February 2.—The French Premier, M. Henri Queuille, today offered Paris as a place of meeting for Generalissimo Stalin and President Truman.

He was replying to a question at the Anglo-American Press Association luncheon here.

M. Queuille said during a speech: "To assure the peace of the world and see all conflicts settled is what I want most in the world. But to do this we need actions not words."—Reuter.

Washington, February 2.—The White House stated officially today that President Truman was willing to meet Generalissimo Stalin, but only in Washington.

The White House replied to Marshal Stalin's new invitation to the President by referring once more to Mr. Truman's recent statement that he would be willing to meet the Russian Premier, but only in Washington.

Mr. Charles G. Rose, the Presidential Press Secretary, stated that no official invitation had been received from Marshal Stalin nor had any direct word from the Kremlin been received beyond what was contained in Marshal Stalin's statement to the press.—Reuter.

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Precedence In Novel Incentive Plans

Two American shipping lines have set a precedence in novel incentive plans to keep a high standard of efficiency among their personnel.

The American President Line is providing prizes of free round-trip to the Orient on its luxury liners for the most successful freight sales representatives of the company. The Pacific Far East Line in its "Efficiency Contest" provides monetary awards and a passport for ship efficiency.

The A.P.L. contest will have eight round-trip Far Eastern cruises on the President Cleveland and President Wilson during 1949. Four winners will be selected in April and four more in August.

Winners of the trip winners will accompany their husbands without cost. In addition to the cruises, certain cash prizes will be awarded.

"E" For Efficiency

The P.F.E.L. "Efficiency Contest" the first of which began last May, was won by the M.V. Lightning. On Christmas Eve, officers and crew of the company's motor vessel were presented with bonuses. The Lightning will have "E" for efficiency painted on the stack for the present six-month period and will fly a special award burgee designed for the purpose.

The "Efficiency Contest" seeks to improve appearance, and condition of ship, crew morale, reduce crew turnover, and increase production. The four main departments on board ship—deck, steward, engine, and purser—are graded for efficiency. The vessel with the highest average for all four is declared the winner. The Lightning is meanwhile on the P.F.E.L. San Francisco-Yokohama run. She visited Hong Kong on several occasions last year. The local office reported yesterday that she is not included in the schedules for the Colony at present.

Committal Proceedings Started

Committal proceedings were started at Central yesterday against Li Kai-sui, aged 23, and Kwan Chung-kai, aged 21, charged with committing a robbery on December 2, at No. 23 Po Tak Street.

Dai Shaw prosecuted, and Kwan was defended by Mr. A. C. Ansell. Dai Shaw said that on December 2 last, four Chinese entered No. 23 Po Tak Street. Li was armed with a dagger, Kwan a hand grenade and the other two, not in custody, had a revolver and dagger.

They went into the first cubicle and herded the principal tenant and her family into the second cubicle.

The occupants were bound with wire and gagged with towels. Kwan assisted Li in tying up the inmates and later guarded the entrance of the cubicle. The robbers stayed in the premises for 15 minutes and ransacked the place of jewellery, money and clothing to the value of \$5,000.

Search Of Bus

Next day, detective PC 883 and Lo Siu-lun, an occupant of the house went to the junction of Tai-ze Road and Castle Peak Road. There a search was made of all passing trucks, buses and cars. The detective stopped bus No. 5,800 and the passengers were told to alight. Lo at once recognised Li as one of the robbers.

On the way to the Police Station further enquiries revealed that Kwan was also on the same bus. The bus was stopped at Shatin and Kwan was arrested.

When arrested, a gold ring, gold chain, a wrist watch and some money were found on Li. At an identification parade, Li was picked out six times and Kwan twice.

The case was adjourned to 2.30 p.m. today.

Reminders

Today

Y's Men's Club, talk on "My Trip to Japan" by Mr. K. S. Fung, Roof Garden HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.
HK University Arts Association presents "The School for Scandal" at Eu Tong Sen Gymnasium, 6.30 p.m.
Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
RAF Association luncheon, Jacobson Room, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.
HK Football Association emergency committee meeting, Prince's Hotel, 5.15 p.m.
HK Art Club annual dinner, China Fleet Club, 8 p.m.
Old Alleysians Dinner, Jacobson Room, HK Hotel, 8 p.m.

The first phase of Government's campaign to clear the roof-tops of squatters' settlements started yesterday morning, when 55 shacks on the roof of houses facing Thompson Road, Wanchai, were pulled down by workmen of the Health Department.

The occupants of the shacks, numbering about 250 to 300 people, had received notice to quit before the Chinese New Year, but the time limit was extended to yesterday to give them a chance to look for alternative accommodation.

Personalia

Mr. Noel Ronald, of Carr Ransley and Son, Limited, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday from Swallow by the ss. Tainan.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Hall, Messrs. E. Hall, E.T. Warner, A.A. Joyce, James Petty, N. Wallace, Y. Gaudier, V.J. Welpert, J.T. Inskett, W.J. Gillard, H.K. Yen, I.J. Young, Sui Chiang-ling, R.W. Cooper and Lieutenant-Colonel C. Cornelius, were among the residents who left the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Fraser, Mr. E.M. Hinder, Messrs. R.R. Smith, M. Elliott, G.E. Shigledecker, R. C. Sgib, F.A. Newell, K.E. Eppard, C.D. Simpson, G.M. Corbett, Lieutenant B.H. Fisher, and Lieutenant-Commander R.E. Dirnall.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wild and Mr. J. Merceki left Hong Kong yesterday for Japan by the ss. Changhe.

The wedding took place yesterday at the Supreme Court Marriage Registrar's Office of Mr. Michael Constantin Yatskin, civil servant of Arlington Hotel, Kowloon, and Miss Eileen Nodade, of 12 Floor Market Street, Kowloon. In the presence of Mr. V. Humantzeff and Mrs. Melitta Farkas.

The forthcoming wedding has been announced of Mr. Gustavo Roberto Remedios, accountant, E. Ott and Company Limited, of 90 Kennedy Road, first floor, and Miss Annie Louise Loo, of 50 Stanley Street, first floor.

JOHORE SULTAN "VERY ILL"

Singapore, February 2. Dr. S.J. Paglar, personal physician to 75-year-old Sir Ibrahim, Sultan of Johore, arrived here today from Australia in response to a cable from the Sultan stating that he is "very ill".

Dr. Paglar was on holiday at Perth when he received the cable. The Sultan's aide declined to comment on the Sultan's illness. Sir Ibrahim, one of the richest men in the world, was crowned Sultan of the State and Territory of Johore, one of the unfederated Malay States of British Malaya, in November 1895.—Reuters

BAN ON FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Buenos Aires, February 1. The Argentine Central Bank today temporarily discontinued the granting of foreign exchange for any purpose. The decision was taken on the advice of the newly-constituted National Economic Council.

An official announcement says the step was taken to enable a study of the foreign exchange situation and the drafting of new regulations. The measure affects all exchange permits for imports and transfers of funds abroad.—Reuters

ART EXHIBIT

A three-day exhibition of the Human Studio was opened at the Hotel Cecil, Charter Road, yesterday.

More than 80 pieces of various kinds of artistic works, including oil paintings, water colours, sketches, wood-cuts and wash drawings, etc., are on view. Among the artists, Teh Wei and Chang Wen Yuan are painters in wash drawings and cartoonists, Kwang Yen, Ma Wei Yang Hsi, engraver, Lu Wei-yang Chen, Yutien, oil painter, and Fang Ching and Sheng Chi-chun, wash-painters in water colours.

Shortly after 9 o'clock yesterday morning, about 40 workmen of the Health Department, under the supervision of Dr. Graham Cumming (Senior Health Officer), Dr. J. Willis (Health Officer, Eastern District), Inspector Sherriff (Senior Health Inspector, Eastern District), Inspector Leung Yuen-16-k (Health Inspector in charge of Anti-Epidemic, Hong Kong) and Inspector Millington (Health Inspector in charge of Squatters Patrol), arrived in about half a dozen lorries, and ordered the occupants to pack up their belongings.

Steel-helmeted policemen of the Riot Squad under Sub-inspector Fleming were also on the scene, and were posted on the roof tops and along Thompson Road and Lund Road. There was, however, no resistance from the hut-dwellers, some of whom were allowed to finish their breakfast before the pulling down started.

Divisional Superintendent Clinie, who was in charge of the police, told the "China Mail" that everything went off smoothly.

Workmen Help Squatters Health Department workmen helped lower belongings of the squatters down to the street below. The larger pieces of timber were tied in bundles; the smaller pieces were chopped up for firewood.

Below lorries were at hand to take the squatters and their belongings to any destination they indicated which would serve as their 'home' until a new one was found.

Contrary to expectation, there were no scenes when the Health Department personnel arrived. "They had been told before the Chinese New Year that this morning was the deadline, so they knew what was coming," said a Health Department official.

First Phase

"This is just the first phase of the roof-top clearing campaign. These shacks are a menace to public health. The fire danger is another thing, but we are primarily concerned with health," said the official to the "China Mail".

Signs were not wanting of the filth and squalor of the surroundings. Lack of latrine facilities was the main cause. "The next settlement to be cleared will be that facing Hennessy Road; they will be given ample notice," said the Health Department official, pointing to a group of about 30 huts across the street.

Most of the hut-dwellers, interviewed by the "China Mail," said they had no place to go to, and would have to sleep in the streets or find some other roof-tops.

Stowaway To Be Returned

Anxious to get to the United States, Guillermo Alphonso, 23-year-old Philippine national, remained on the General Gordon when the ship sailed from Manila.

The stowaway was apprehended on the promenade deck on January 30. He admitted that he boarded the ship at Manila and failed to leave when the call "All visitors ashore" was sounded.

Before Mr. A. D. Scholes at Kowloon yesterday, Alphonso pleaded guilty. Inspector J. Orem said the company will undertake to repatriate him on the ss. President Folk, due here on February 7.

Defendant was ordered to remain in custody for six days pending the arrival of ss. President Folk.



Health Department workmen are shown pulling down roof-top squatter huts in Wanchai yesterday.—("China Mail" Photo).

Orchestra Gets 14 New Members

Fourteen new members have joined the Orchestra Section of the Sino-Brilliant Club Music Group.

The Club has decided to forego the assistance of the Services players and to concentrate on permanent residents who can be relied on to attend rehearsals regularly.

The Club now has a balanced orchestra composed of 21 strings, six wood-wind, four brass and one percussion.

Dr. Bard continues as conductor and rehearsals are being held weekly at the Cosmo Club, Pottinger Street.

The first concert of the re-organised Orchestra will be held on February 25 at St. Stephen's College, Lytleton Road. The music will include Copelli's Concerto Grosso, Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsody No. 14, Mendelssohn's Fingal's Cave Overture, and a Meyerbeer March.

As a long-term plan the Committee hopes to regain the name "Symphony Orchestra". To accomplish this, more players, principally two Bassoons, two more French Horns and one more Trumpet and Trombone, are needed. Anyone with news of such players may contact Dr. Bard, telephone 26545.

Eight Months Hard Labour

Eight months' hard labour and 10 strokes of the cane was the sentence meted out to Lee Kin, 31-year-old unemployed, when he pleaded guilty before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday to snatching a purse from a girl.

Sub-Inspector J. H. Evans said that Ku Kung-tsang, a 20-year-old girl living at 131 Tam Kung Road, first floor, was walking along Tam Kung Road at 10.25 a.m. on February 1 when defendant went up from behind and snatched the small plastic purse she was carrying.

The girl raised the alarm and gave chase. Detective-constable 1033 Chu Kong on duty nearby, joined in the chase and, after a short run, arrested accused who, on being searched, was found to have \$15.10 in his jacket pocket.

Defendant brought the detective to the spot where he had thrown the purse away. In the purse were 10 cents and a bundle of keys.

Defence Opening In PWD Trial Adjourned

The opening of the defence in the PWD larceny trial, marked for yesterday morning, was adjourned until today, owing to the absence of Mr. Percy Chen, counsel for Kwok Kwong, who had been delayed in Shanghai.

A half-hour adjournment was granted in the expectation that Mr. Chen would arrive.

Hearing however, was adjourned for the day when, after the half-four adjournment, Mr. V.J.L. D'Alton, counsel for Sparty, told the court he had just received a telegram from Mr. Chen stating that he would arrive at noon, and requesting him to open the case.

Mr. D'Alton explained that it was very difficult to do that because Kwok Kwong was the first accused in the indictment, and he did not know if Mr. Chen was going to put Kwok into the witness stand.

In the dock are Kwok Kwong, foreman, and Austin Sparty, Grade 1 electrical inspector, both of the Public Works Department, who are charged with 11 counts of larceny by public servant, obtaining money by false pretences, and conspiracy to defraud the Government.

When hearing commenced yesterday, Mr. D'Alton informed the court of Mr. Chen's delay in Shanghai by for Mr. D'Alton then explained his difficulty in starting the case first.

Mr. Justice Reynolds said that he understood that Mr. H.S. Mok was also instructed by Mr. Russ on behalf of Kwok. Mr. D'Alton replied that that was so.

Asked his opinion on the matter, Mr. A. Hooton, who is prosecuting, said he thought the case should go on. He proceeded to quote certain authorities to support his contention.

Mr. Reynolds then stated he thought it a most extraordinary procedure that no one was there to represent the first accused. He further said that if this was a short case he would let it go on but as it was a complicated one he thought it should be adjourned.

Mr. Mok eventually arrived and apologised for not being able to open the case for the defence of Kwok, explaining that he had no instructions for Mr. Chen.

Mr. Reynolds then stated that as Mr. Mok came into the case at a very late stage, he thought in the circumstances the trial would have to be adjourned until this morning. He further advised Mr. Mok to be ready to go on at 10 o'clock today in case Mr. Chen would not be ready to proceed then.

Gold Ordered Confiscated

When Ang Chon-see, 38-year-old merchant, arrived at Kai Tak Airport by a CPA plane at 1.45 p.m. on February 1, he was asked whether he had any gold to declare. He replied in the negative.

A search by Chinese Revenue Officer 302 brought to light two gold bracelets and two gold rings which Ang was wearing, and a watch on each wrist. A further search revealed the presence of seven gold rings and two gold studs in Ang's jacket pocket.

The two gold rings were handed back to Ang, but the remainder of the gold ornaments were seized by the revenue officer. Ang was charged and allowed bail of \$20.

On his failing to answer the charge of importing gold without a permit, called before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday, his bail was ordered to be estimated. On the application of Revenue Inspector D. H. Knox, the gold ornaments were ordered to be confiscated.

During the routine search of out-going passengers at the Kowloon-Canton Railway Station on Tuesday, revenue officers found five taels of gold in the person of Li Chuen 30-year-old tailor.

On the application of RI Knox before Mr. A. D. Scholes at Kowloon yesterday, the gold was ordered to be confiscated.

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HOLLYWOOD STORE—Now on display new consignment of Gowns—Coats—Suits, etc. Stock taking sale as from today. Costume Jewellery—Handbags—Shoes—Dresses—Suits and Coats from \$40—\$100. Room 205, Melbourne Hotel, 10 a.m.—12 p.m. and 3 p.m.—6.30 p.m.

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RUGS Manufacturers and Exporters Peking and Tientsin Carpets and Rugs. Peking Art Rug Company Room No. 8-9, Lucky Apartment, corner of Hankow and Peking Road, Kowloon.

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BALLROOM DANCING—"Made Easy" for you. "LATEST VARIATIONS". Specialities—Rhumba, Samba, Tango, Jitterbug. (Enquiries 1-3 PM)—TONY HUDSON, 512 China Building.

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FOR SALE second hand Westinghouse Refrigerator in perfect working order. Can be seen any morning, Hong Kong Side, price \$600. Dollars. Box 727 "China Mail".

INDUSTRIAL firm has part of its installation available for the manufacture of new metal articles. Will those interested please send enquiries to Box No. 726 "China Mail".

POST CARD PHOTOGRAPHS of Hongkong, 18 beautiful views, 30 cents each at Ye Olde Printers, Ltd.

ACCOUNT BOOKS, Cash book 189 leaves, Ledger 179 leaves, Journal 378 pages, strongly bound, good paper, \$55.00 the set or \$20.00 each at Ye Olde Printers, Ltd.

PLAYING CARDS. A good quality linen-faced card. Four packs for \$7.00, at Ye Olde Printers, Ltd.

PHOTOGRAPHIC PORTRAITS of Their Majesties the King and Queen, size 2 1/2 x 3 1/2, suitable for menus and clubs, \$15 each, at Ye Olde Printers, Ltd.

BRIDGE SCORING PADS, 100 sheets per pad, \$1.00 each or four for \$3.50, at Ye Olde Printers, Ltd.

HONG KONG FILM AND THEATRE NEWS at 50 cents per copy. Obtainable at Leading Book Stores, Newspaper Sellers and "China Mail" Office.

FOR SALE

PILOT RADIOS—Same reliable pre-war quality now obtainable at popular prices, made possible only by increased demand and large sales. World Reception Models from \$100 each. Obtainable at all the better dealers or direct from: Colonial Agencies, Teakoochoy Bldg., 14 Queen's Road, Phone 26310.

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SCRIBBLING PADS—100 pages at 50 cents each. On sale at "China Mail" Office, Windsor House, Tel. 82312.

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Telephone No. 20224.

PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

Friday, February 4, 1949 commencing at 2.30 p.m.

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On View from Thursday, the 3rd February, 1949.

Terms: As Customary.
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THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS
ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-seventh Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Monday, the 28th day of February, 1949, at Noon, to transact the following business:—

1. To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948.
2. To sanction a Dividend in respect of the year 1948.
3. To elect two Directors.
4. To appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS.

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books and Register of Members will be closed from the 14th February, 1949, to the 28th February, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
G. B. S. THOMSON, Secretary.

Hong Kong, February 1, 1949.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the First Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 12th February, 1949, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building, the Club House, Happy Valley, and the Stables, Shau Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 3rd February, 1949.

By Order.
C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

NOTICE

Mr. Jose Eduardo Noronha has this day been authorised to sign per procurator for this Company.

THE UNION TRADING CO., LTD.

February 1, 1949.

NOTICE

The Transfer Books of both the Main and Branch Registers of Shanghai Dockyards Limited will be closed from February 19 to March 11, 1949, both days inclusive.

The annual general meeting will be held in Hong Kong on March 11, 1949.
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., Agents.

REMINDER
HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB

COLONY TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Entries are invited for the Colony Grass Court Singles and Doubles Tennis Championships to be played during the Hong Kong Cricket Club Annual Tennis Tournament commencing February 21, 1949.

Entry forms are obtainable from all Clubs and Sports Shops. Entries will close at 5 p.m. on February 11, 1949.

NOTICE

We beg to announce that Mr. Fong Wing Tong and Mr. Lee Wah Chue have joined us as Directors and Chinese Advisory Managers.

DREYER & CO., LTD.

February 1, 1949.

POLICE NOTICE

It is hereby notified that Wing Lok St. East between Morrison Street and Cleverly St. will be closed to Traffic as from 8 a.m. on Thursday 3.2.49 until repairs to roadway are completed.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE
1. 2. 49.

NOTICE

We have moved our office from 201, Victory House to Room 112, Marina House on the 1st. February, 1949.

T. A. Pearce & Co.,
Stockbrokers.

THE EVERGREEN'S CIRCUS TOWELS

New DECOMART towels in matching patterns for Bath, Hand, and Face:

Bo-Peep (pink)
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Kitten (pink)
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Ducky (yellow)
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The wonderful treatment for any scalp ailments, and a special remedy for the cure of thin falling hair, baldness and premature greyness, dandruff.

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Expert Ladies' & Gentlemen's Hair Dressers.
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Auctioneers, Surveyors, etc. Basement, French Bank Bldg., Telephone 31867.

THE KOWLOON MOTOR-BUS CO., (1933) LTD.

REVISION OF FARES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that as from the 1st day of February, 1949, the undermentioned Bus Routes will be divided into Sectional Stages and fares will be charged as follows:—

Route No. 1. Star Ferry and Kowloon City.
Via:—Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, and Prince Edward Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

1. Star Ferry and Pakhol Street.
2. Pakhol Street and Argyle Street.
3. Argyle Street and Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road.
4. Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road and Kowloon City.

Route No. 2. Star Ferry and Shamshuipo.
Via:—Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, Laichikok Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

1. Star Ferry and Pakhol Street.
2. Pakhol Street and Argyle Street.
3. Argyle Street and Shum Shui Po.

Route No. 3. (Reserved for opening of New Route).

Route No. 4. (Reserved for opening of New Route).

Route No. 5. Star Ferry and Ngau Chi Wan.

SECTIONAL STAGES

Via:—Salisbury Road, Chatham Road, Ma Tau Wei Road, Tam Kung Road, Prince Edward Road and Sai Kung Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

1. Star Ferry and Austin Road.
2. Austin Road and Kowloon Dock Gate.
3. Kowloon Dock Gate and Ma Tau Kok.
4. Ma Tau Kok and Kowloon City.
5. Kowloon City and Ngau Chi Wan.

Route No. 6. Star Ferry and Lai Chi Kok.

SECTIONAL STAGES

Via:—Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, Tai Po Road and Castle Peak Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

1. Star Ferry and Pakhol Street.
2. Pakhol Street and Argyle Street.
3. Argyle Street and Yen Chow Street.
4. Yen Chow Street and Lai Chi Kok.

Route No. 7. Star Ferry and Kowloon Tong.

SECTIONAL STAGES

Via:—Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, Waterloo Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

1. Star Ferry and Pakhol Street.
2. Pakhol Street and Peace Avenue.
3. Peace Avenue and Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road.
4. Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road and Kowloon Tong.

Route No. 8. Star Ferry and Kowloon Tong.

SECTIONAL STAGES

Via:—Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, Prince Edward Road, Knight Street, Cumberland Road and Waterloo Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

1. Star Ferry and Pakhol Street.
2. Pakhol Street and Argyle Street.
3. Argyle Street and Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Knight Street.
4. Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Knight Street and Kowloon Tong.

Route No. 9. Star Ferry and Ngau Chi Wan.

SECTIONAL STAGES

Via:—Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, Argyle Street, Waterloo Road and Prince Edward Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

1. Star Ferry and Pakhol Street.
2. Pakhol Street and Argyle Street.
3. Argyle Street and Kowloon Hospital.
4. Kowloon Hospital and Kowloon City.
5. Kowloon City and Ngau Chi Wan.

Route No. 10. Star Ferry and The Monument.

SECTIONAL STAGES

Via:—Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, Carnarvon Road, Kimberley Road, Austin Road, Cox's Path and Jordan Road.

SECTIONAL STAGE

1. Star Ferry and The Monument. (One Section only).

Route No. 11. Jordan Road Ferry and Kowloon City.

SECTIONAL STAGES

Via:—Jordan Road, Gascoigne Road, Chatham Road, Mataniwei Road, Tam Kung Road and Prince Edward Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

1. Jordan Road Ferry and Kowloon Dock Gate.
2. Kowloon Dock Gate and Ma Tau Kok.
3. Ma Tau Kok and Kowloon City.

Route No. 12. Jordan Road Ferry and Lai Chi Kok.

SECTIONAL STAGES

Via:—Jordan Road, Nathan Road, Laichikok Road (Shumshuipo), Yen Chow Street and Castle Peak Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

1. Jordan Road Ferry and Argyle Street.

SECTIONAL STAGES

2. Argyle Street and Yen Chow Street.

SECTIONAL STAGES

3. Yen Chow Street and Lai Chi Kok.

Route No. 13. Jordan Road Ferry and Ngau Chi Wan.

SECTIONAL STAGES

Via:—Jordan Road, Nathan Road, Prince Edward Road and Sai Kung Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

1. Jordan Road Ferry and Argyle Street.

SECTIONAL STAGES

2. Argyle Street and Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road.

SECTIONAL STAGES

3. Jct. of Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road and Kowloon City.

SECTIONAL STAGES

4. Kowloon City and Ngau Chi Wan.

SCALE OF CHARGES

ROUTE-NOS. 1 TO 13 (INCLUSIVE)

10 cents will be charged for the first Sectional Stage or part thereof, and 10 cents for the subsequent Sectional Stages or part thereof (i.e., 20 cents Through Fare).

British Service Men (Army, Navy and Air Force Personnel) in uniform and children under the age of 12 years will be carried at 10 cents through fare only. Children under the age of 4 years not occupying a seat and accompanied by an adult passenger may be carried free of charge.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the company reserves its rights to introduce Two Class Accommodation (i.e. First and Second Class) in the buses operated by the company, and to adjust the fares (within the rates prescribed by this Licence) at any time, upon reasonable notice being given.

MONTHLY TICKETS & SCHOOL CHILDREN TICKETS

As from the Month of February, 1949, Monthly Tickets & School Children's Tickets will be issued at \$18.00 and \$6.00 per ticket respectively; the use of such tickets are restricted to Route Nos. 1 to 13 (Inclusive) only, and can be obtained as follows:—

On 29th, 30th and 31st January and 1st, 2nd and 3rd February between the hours of 8.00 a.m. and 7.00 p.m. at Tsim Tsa Tsui Bus Terminal Office, Kowloon, and thereafter at the Company's Office, 153 Castle Peak Road, Kowloon, during regular business hours only.

School Children's Ticket entitles the holder to a maximum of 4 single journeys daily (Sundays omitted) and confined to the hours of 6.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. only. School children making application for the first ticket shall produce for the Company's records a school certificate bearing his or her photograph.

Monthly Tickets and School Children's Tickets are available for the month of issue only. The Company reserves the right to refuse the issue of Monthly Ticket or School Children's Ticket to any person whom they consider ineligible.

Dated the 27th day of January, 1949.

THE KOWLOON MOTOR-BUS CO., (1933) LTD.

W. S. T. LOUEY,
Manager.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"How about forking over a half a buck or so outa this bill, doc? After all, let's not forget who gave him the ulcers in the first place!"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

"The Authority on Authorities"

KNOW COMBINATIONS

MOST advanced players have studied lots of different combinations of the cards in order to know the best ways to play them. It would take a good many hours to figure out the advisable course with certain line-ups, in order to take all the tricks in a suit, all but two, all but two, etc. But if a player has devoted time away from the game to fixing some of them in his mind, he can save his moments during the game and devote them instead to a consideration of other factors.

S A K 8 6
H J 9 8 3
D 9 8 2
C 10 9 5

S 5 3 2
H 10 8 7 4
D A J 10
C 6 5 4

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GUERRILLAS ACTIVE IN JAVA, SUMATRA

Churches Back Java Action

Amsterdam, February 2. A group of church leaders declared today that the recent Dutch conquest of Indonesia is the only reasonable step the Dutch Government could have taken under the present circumstances.

The statement was made by Executive Members of the International Council of Christian Churches, who met here to discuss a recent declaration of the Dutch Reformed Church disapproving the Dutch action.

The members agreed with a recent letter written by Arie Kerk, General Secretary of the Council, in which he said the Dutch action will prevent Indonesia from becoming a second China.

Kerk's letter was written to Dr. W. O. H. Garman, President of the American Council of Christian Churches, which is described as an American organization representing 15 Protestant denominations and over 1,000,000 members.

The International Council, founded last year in Amsterdam, represents politically conservative churches throughout the world. Associated Press.

Longest Pier Being Repaired

Manila, February 1. The longest pier in the Far East, badly damaged in the war, is being reconstructed.

Work has started on rebuilding of Manila's Pier 13 as one of the main projects of U. S. army engineers in the programme of rehabilitating Philippine port and harbour facilities under the Philippine Rehabilitation Act of 1946.

The pier, formerly known as Pier 7, is 1,400 feet long. Before the war it had one long cargo shed. The reconstructed pier will have four separate cargo sheds for greater efficiency. United Press.

LANDING RIGHTS FOR DUTCH

London, February 1. Britain has granted Dutch KLM airlines landing rights on Mauritius Island in the Indian Ocean. The Dutch are not to use the landing field for planes bearing military supplies.

India and Pakistan recently denied Dutch planes the right to land in their territories because of the Dutch military operations against the Indonesians. United Press.

STAR

17 Hankow Road, Kowloon

2.30, 5.10, 7.20 & 9.30 P.M.



LEE THEATRE

ADVANCE BOOKING OFFICE.
CHINA TRAVEL SERVICE & QUEEN'S RD. C.
BOOKING HOURS: 11.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. daily

Final Showing Today: 2.30, 5.15, 7.15 & 9.20 p.m.



TOMORROW



A Dutch military review said today that guerrillas continued attacks throughout Java and Sumatra all through the past week. It said guerrillas hammered at road traffic and interfered with industry.

The Army reported progress in mopping up operations against Indonesian Republicans except in Northern Sumatra's Ache Mountains area, the last remaining Republican area which the Dutch forces have not penetrated.

The review said Dutch forces regularly having been seizing large amounts of munitions and weapons from guerrilla forces and cutting down their ability to strike.

A communique said fighting is increasing in the Northern frontier area of Sumatra about 23 miles North of Medan.

The United Nations Commission for Indonesia reports that it has no further information on whether the Netherlands Government has taken steps to carry out the Security Council resolution.

Strike In Hospitals

Paris, February 1. The staffs of six Paris hospitals stopped work today without waiting for the results of a strike vote by 34,000 State hospital employees.

A joint committee of the three main unions involved announced later that the first results of the referendum show that 95 per cent of the employees, including nurses, are in favour of the stoppage.

The are protesting against what are called "unsatisfactory wage reclassifications and proposed to stop work for 48 hours. —Reuter.

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 6.52 megacycles per second and on 6.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

H.K.T.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.42 p.m.—From the Films.

1.00 p.m.—Stephane Grappelli and His

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and

Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—"Grand Hotel"—Albert Sand-

ler and the Palm Court Orchestra

with William Herbert (Tenor)

(DUETS).

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.

6.01 p.m.—Children's Story: "The River

Hand" by Eileston Trevor (BBC).

Episode 4: "Pirate's Peril".

6.25 p.m.—Interlude.

6.30 p.m.—Demi-Heure Française

(Studio).

7.00 p.m.—World News and News Analysis

(London Relay).

7.15 p.m.—Mena Silas at the Piano

(Studio).

7.30 p.m.—"Down Beat Disc" presented

by Paul Stuart (Studio).

8.00 p.m.—"From the Editorials" (Lon-

don Relay).

8.10 p.m.—"Excerpts from the Opera".

8.30 p.m.—"Concerto" Concerto for Vi-

olin and Orchestra: William Walton.

Jascha Heifetz and the Cincinnati

Symphony Orchestra.

9.00 p.m.—Kavir Cugat and His Wal-

dorf Astoria Hotel Orchestra.

9.15 p.m.—Book Reviews: Aileen Dekker

(Studio).

9.30 p.m.—"The Old Story of Simon

Ole". A Mystery Serial by Lester

Powell. Episode 4: "A Letter from

the Dead" (DUETS).

10.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel (London

Relay).

10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.

10.16 p.m.—"Thursday Serenade". A Pro-

gramme of Continuous Music.

10.45 p.m.—Dance to Carroll Gibbons and

His Savoy Hotel Orchestra.

11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close

Down.

Aussie Coal For Hong Kong

Brisbane, February 1. The Cabinet has approved applications for shipments of 5,000 and 2,000 tons of coal to Hong Kong or China this month.

The Minister for Mines, Mr. T. A. Foley, said the decision follows the first recommendation from the newly constituted State Coal Board.

The Nixon Smith Shipping and Wool Dumping Company, which made the applications, will now have to obtain a Commonwealth export licence. —United Press.

Parade Of Chars In London

London, February 1. One hundred London "chars" (women cleaners), flourishing mop and duster bags, marched along London streets today in the most touching wage demonstration the capital has seen for a long time.

They flung along to the music of three Scottish pipers, and carrying posters saying: "Cleanliness is next Godliness. Women cleaners are next to starvation."

All had been up at dawn scrubbing out Whitehall's Government offices before Members of Parliament and civil servants arrived. But tired feet and aching backs did not deter them from gathering at noon to march two miles from the Thames Embankment to Lincoln's Inn Fields, the centre of London's legal activities, for the demonstration.

The cleaners who get 1/8 3/4d. an hour, want two shillings an hour. They are insulted that the Government has only offered them a farthing an hour increase. —Reuter.

Europe Scourged By TB Epidemic

Belgrade, February 1. Tuberculosis has reached epidemic proportions in Europe with more than 100 dying daily in some countries.

Dr. Paul Andresen, head of the Danish Red Cross anti-TB section, says figures show that at least 130 persons are dying each day in Poland and more than 100 in Yugoslavia.

Greece, Austria, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Italy also report areas where the infection rate has reached epidemic proportions.

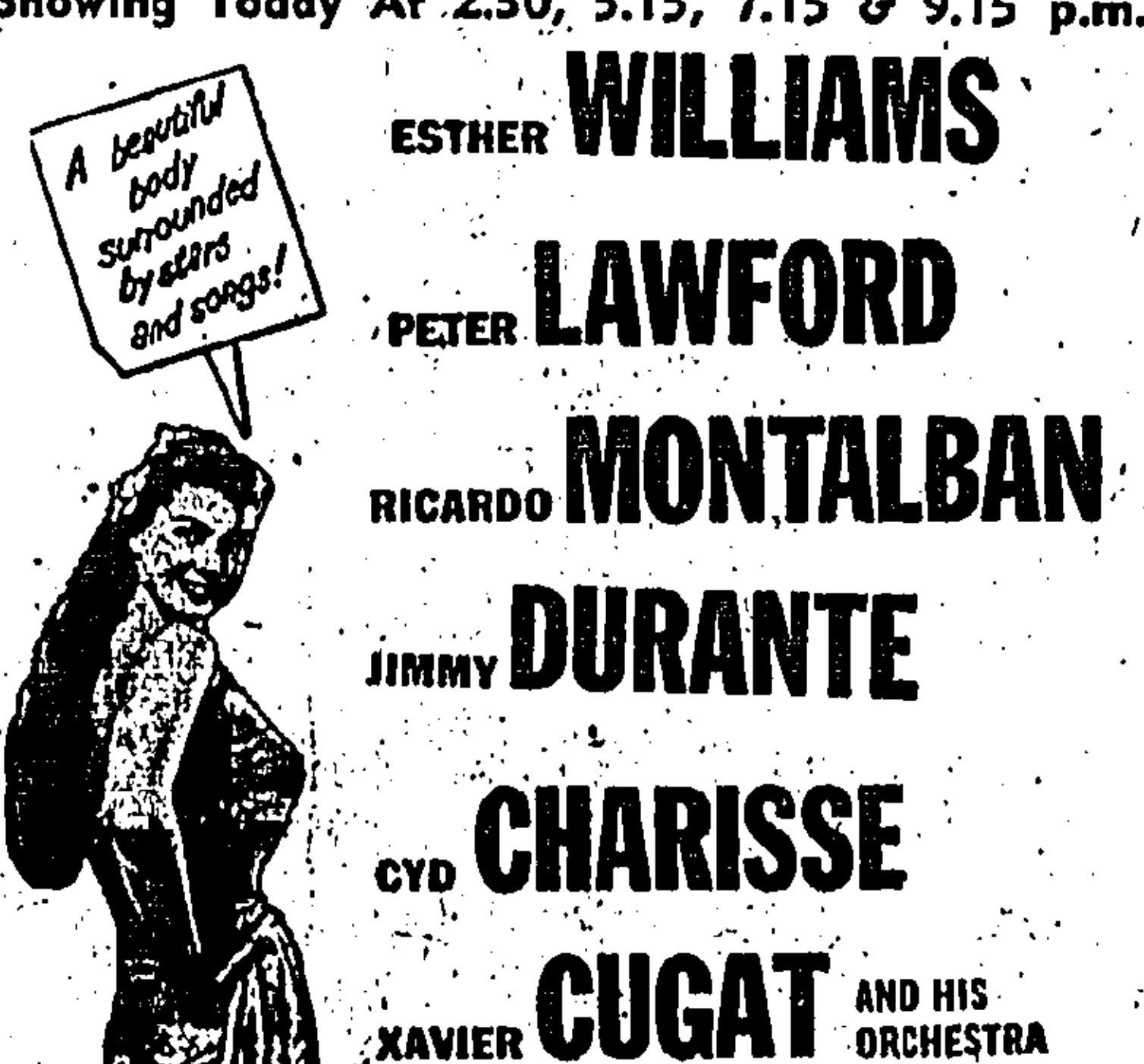
Dr. Andresen says that the war and the resultant post-war lack of adequate housing, food and clothing have caused the epidemic.

He terms the Yugoslav situation as extremely serious. More than 4,000 persons, mostly children, are being infected daily there, 400 of them actually contracting the disease.

Dr. Andresen met with Yugoslav health officials recently to discuss stamping out the epidemic, which is moving from the North to the South in this country. —United Press.

QUEEN'S & ALHAMBRA

Showing Today At 2.30, 5.15, 7.15 & 9.15 p.m.



PRICES AS USUAL

COURTROOM IN UPROAR DURING LIBEL CASE

Paris, February 1. Victor Kravchenko rushed angrily across the courtroom today toward one of his libel suit opponents, but was grabbed by an aide before any blows were struck.

Kravchenko made an angry dive toward Andre Wurmser, editor of Les Lettres Francaises, when Wurmser insinuated that one of the prosecution's witnesses worked for the Nazis during the war.

The aide caught Kravchenko's outburst and hauled him back. Wurmser only laughed and waved airily at Kravchenko's angry shouts.

The judge, M. Henri Darnaud, stationed a Republican Guard between Kravchenko and Wurmser, keeping them 10 feet apart, and called for order in the courtroom, which was in an uproar.

The witness during the scene was a refugee Russian, Andre Gabriel Kyslo, who testified about Soviet prison atrocities. Kyslo said he was arrested at Kharkov by the Germans during the war and sent to Poland.

Wurmser implied that the Nazis did not shoot Kyslo at Kharkov because he was working for them. That brought Kravchenko bounding to his feet, charging toward Wurmser with his arms waving.

A few minutes later, Kravchenko did it again. He leaped to his feet and, shouting loudly, took several steps toward the defence counsel, J. Nordmann, who was cross-examining Kyslo.

"Why are you lying?" shouted Kravchenko. "Why are you unable to recognize the truth?" "Dirty pig," he hurled at Nordmann.

A guard led Kravchenko back to his seat. Kyslo testified that Soviet prisons are filled with "indescribable horrors for the condemned." Continuing his evidence from yesterday, Kyslo supported passages in Kravchenko's book dealing with purges and conditions in the Soviet Union. He said that after being sentenced to 18 years in Siberia, he was put in a cell 12

by 18 metres, containing 24 persons. "Some of us leaned against the wall," he said. "The rest stood up. I was there for three months and witnessed indescribable horrors."

Members of the women's press corps were forced to stand up in the courtroom half-naked with their hands tied behind their backs. She screamed inhumanly. —United Press.

Chinese Warships On Way Home

San Francisco, February 2. Two Chinese warships are to arrive in San Francisco on February 5 for a short visit en route to their homeland. They are the repair ships Tai Ho and Tai Sang, each manned by approximately 200 Chinese officers and enlisted men.

The craft were turned over to the Chinese Government under an agreement between Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and the U.S. Government shortly after the war with Japan.

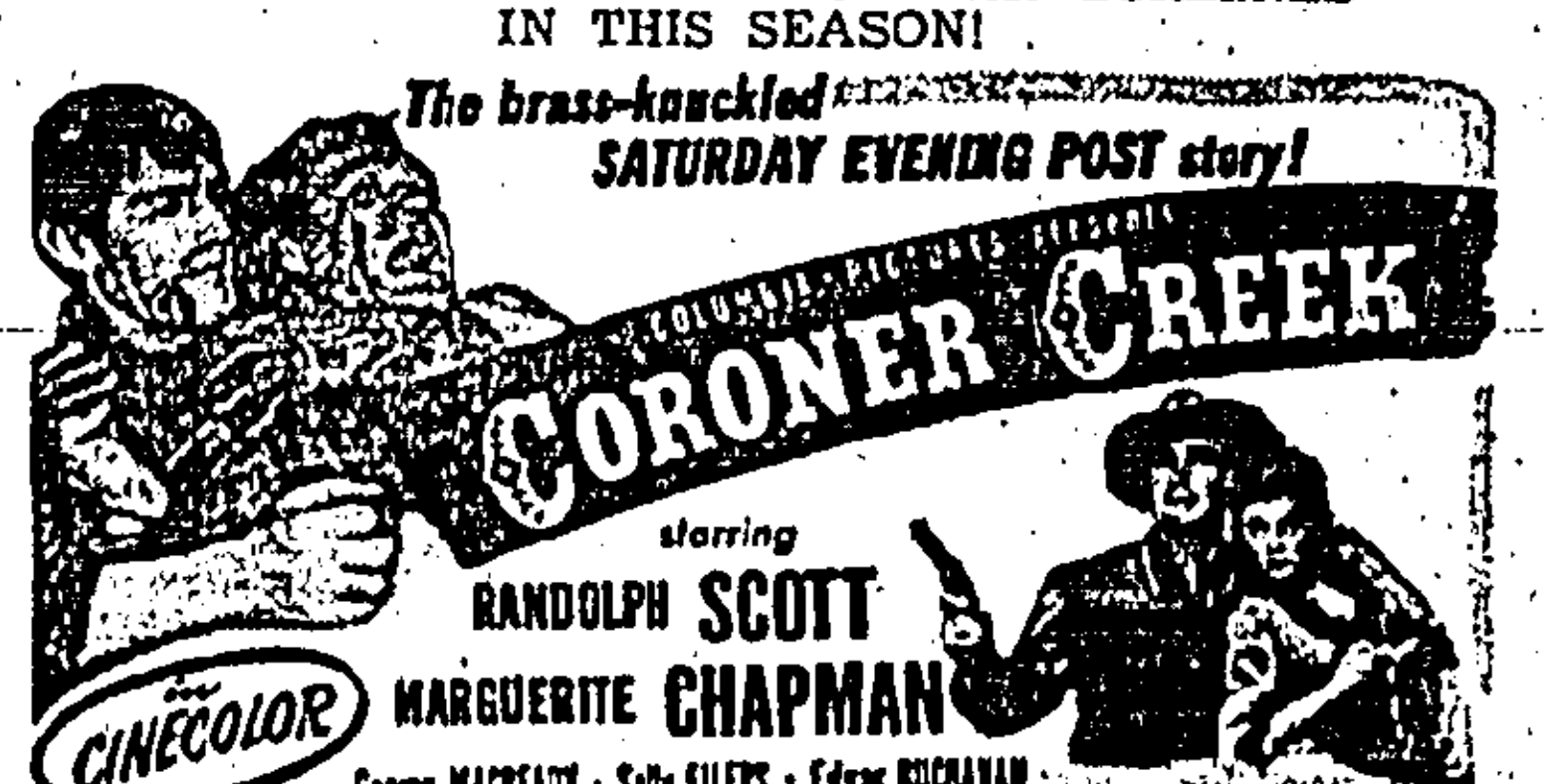
U.S. Navy circles in San Francisco understood the vessels are former destroyer escorts, but the Chinese Consul-General, T. K. Chang, believes they are repair ships intended for training purposes in building a Chinese Navy.

Crews of the two vessels have been undergoing familiarization training by American seamen at the Norfolk, Virginia, Navy base.

They have been in the U.S. about three months. —Associated Press.

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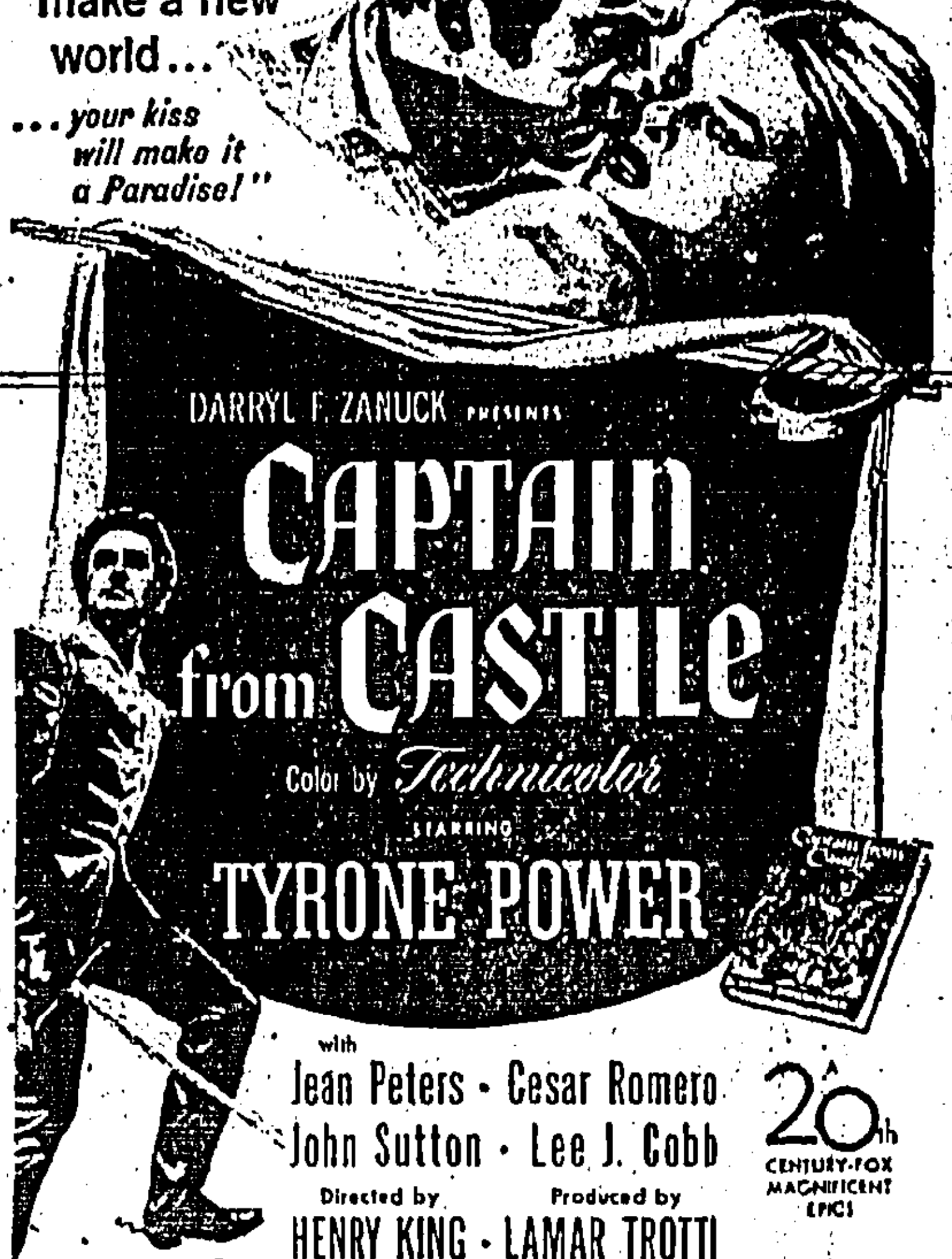
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THE RUSSIAN MACHIAVELLI

Mr. Stalin's replies to questions put to him by an American correspondent in Moscow under, it is strongly suspected, a certain amount of inspiration, have naturally attracted wide attention and comment. Moscow's simultaneous pressure on Norway in a bid to scare that country out of the Atlantic Pact and continuous fulminations by the Tass Agency and Moscow Radio directed against the Western countries, form a natural contrast to Mr. Stalin's easy words and natural instinct dictates the wisdom of awaiting evidence that such words are likely to be supported by deeds. Four leading questions were put to the Soviet leader, and answering one of these, he indicated Russia's willingness to consider the issue of a joint Russo-American statement declaring that neither would go to war against the other. To the second question, he declared Russia's readiness to co-operate with the United States in measures to implement such a pact of peace and non-aggression and leading to mutual disarmament. In reply to the third question, Mr. Stalin reverted to the Russian thesis that the German problem must be solved as a whole, suggested one more effort by the Council of Foreign Ministers to reach an agreement, and called for the suspension in the meantime of the efforts of Britain, France and the United States to create a Western German State. He added to the keen interest in this reply by conveying the impression that the Berlin blockade need not be considered as an obstacle: that Russia would lift it at once provided the Western Powers agreed to meet Russia on other points. It is impossible to study the Stalin statement and deny its importance, however sceptical. But at once strikes the dispassionate observer that all Russian moves affecting the realms of foreign policy must be viewed as a co-ordinated whole. The Marshall Plan, Western Union, the North Atlantic Pact and the formation of a Western German government are all bitterly denounced. Stalin simultaneously throws out a feeler towards a tete-a-tete with President Truman. America's cautious response, and there has been virtually no official comment beyond an expression of President Truman's willingness to meet Stalin in Washington, is more than justified. The peace of the world doubtless depends upon restoration of confidence between the United States and Russia as to each other's future intentions, but nothing has yet transpired to promote any belief that were a meeting between Stalin and Truman to be arranged, the Master (or Prisoner?) of the Kremlin would pursue any other ultimate object than that of seeking to frustrate those aims of the Western democracies against which his government's anathema has just been publicly pronounced. Let us not be rash to hand does not know what its policies that Moscow's left right is doing.

While this decisive advance was taking place, in the centre, the Twenty-first Army Group on the North, and the Sixth on the South were both carrying out the operations assigned to them. In the North, Montgomery's Twenty-first Army Group advanced toward Bremen and Hamburg and pushed a column forward to the Elbe to protect the Northern flank of Bradley's advance. Montgomery's Eastward advance, was carried out mainly by the British Second Army, while the Canadian Army thrust Northward through Arnheim to clear North East Holland and the coast. The Eastward advance of the British Second Army, with three corps in the front line, reached the Weser on April 4 and the Elbe on April 10. At Bremen the British Army encountered an enemy force determined to resist to the bitter end. The British 30 Corps reached the outskirts of the city April 20, but a week of bitter fighting was necessary before Bremen finally surrendered. Likewise, the Northward advance of the Canadian Army on Montgomery's left initially encountered some desperate resistance. However, a satisfactory line was made all along the line and Arnheim was captured on April 16. The fall of Arnheim was the signal for the enemy in that sector to withdraw into the Holland fortress behind flooded areas which posed a serious obstacle to an advance into Western Holland.

Montgomery believed, and I agreed that an immediate campaign into Holland would result in great additional suffering for that unhappy country whose people were already badly suffering from lack of food. Much of the country had been laid waste by deliberate bombing, and by the German defence operations. We decided to do what we could to alleviate suffering and starvation among the Dutch people. The mission of Deyers' Sixth Army Group during the early days of April was to protect the right flank of Bradley's advance. To carry out this mission, Deyers organised a methodical advance by the Seventh Army on his left and the French First Army on his right. Initially the opposition on the front of the Sixth Army Group was general and, despite the debacle in the North and the daily losses of battle, the Germans continued stubbornly to resist. When the Seventh Army reached the Neckar River it had to fight hard to establish a crossing and then required a week to reduce the garrison in the town of Heilbronn. The German troops in this region were not so seriously demoralised by the great Allied advances of February and March as were those who had, however, the brunt of our attacks. On April 7 the 10th Armoured Division made a thrust in the direction of Crailsheim but German reaction was so speedy and strong that the division had to withdraw hastily from its exposed position. The XV Corps reached Nuremberg April 16, but against the next day's fighting was necessary before the defences of the city finally collapsed.

Resistance in the French sector was not so strong. After some sharp fighting in the immediate vicinity of the Rhine the French advance became rapid. The French Army, of course, were in the attack under the orders of General Devers, who was responsible for the allocation of army boundaries, routes of supply, and all the other administrative arrangements necessary for troop maintenance throughout his army group. These boundaries placed the Seventh Army in the French Seventh Army zone, because the supply routes of the Americans would necessarily run through that place. The city was captured by the French, who afterward refused to evacuate to permit the use by the French. So unyielding was the French in their assertion that national prestige was involved that the argument was referred to me. I instructed Devers to stand firm and to require compliance with his plan. The French still proved obstinate and referred the matter to Paris. Not content with this, General De Gaulle continued to maintain an unyielding attitude on the governmental level. In his reply to a sharply worded message from the President of the United States on the subject, in the meantime I had warned the French commander that under the circumstances it was necessary for me to inform the Combined Chiefs of Staff that it could no longer count with certainty on the operational use of any French forces they might be contemplating equipping in the future. This threat of a possible curtailment of equipment for the French forces proved effective, and the French finally complied.

A somewhat similar instance occurred on the French-Italian border. Where there was a tiny bit of territory to which the French and Italians had each asserted moral claims, the French finally agreed to their ally's demand that they should be given the territory.

The French position in the war was of course not a very obvious one. It was the foremost military power of Europe, their Army as well as their pride had

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who never caused the slightest trouble; men whose breadth of vision and understanding of the issues at stake made them splendid allies. I personally liked General de Gaulle, as I recognised in him many fine qualities. We felt, however, that these qualities were marred by sensitiveness and an extraordinary stubbornness in matters which appeared inconsequential to us. My own wartime contacts with him never developed the heat that seemed to be generated frequently in his meetings with many others.

Giraud was my friend. He was a fighting man and thoroughly honest and straightforward. His complete lack of interest in political matters, however, obviously disqualified him for any political post in his country's service. Generals Juin, Koenig, Koeltz, and innumerable junior officers were courageous, honest, and capable professionals. The names of Generals Mast and Bethouart and their associates who first risked their lives in order to bring about restoration of France through Allied intervention in Africa will always live as symbols of the highest kind of patriotism and greatness of character.

With Bradley's army group firmly established on the Elbe, the stage was now set for the final Allied moves of the campaign. The enemy was split into independent commands in the North and South and had no means of restoring a single front against either the Russians or ourselves. With his world collapsing about him, the German soldier lost all desire to fight. Only in isolated instances did commanders succeed in maintaining cohesion among their units. During the first three weeks of April the Western Allies captured more than a million prisoners.

Even before the Allied advance across central Germany began, we knew that the German Government was preparing to evacuate Berlin. The administrative offices seemed to be moving to the Southwest, possibly, we thought, to Barchinagarden in the National Redoubt. Continuation of the movement was no longer possible, after Bradley's speedy advance barred further North-South traffic across the country. We knew, also, that Hitler had been unable to go South and that he was making his last stand in Berlin. Nevertheless, the strong possibility still existed that fanatical Nazis would attempt to establish themselves in the National Redoubt and the early overrunning of that area remained important to us. In the North, also, there remained weighty reasons for speeding up the planned attack in the direction of Lubeck.

The Lubeck advance would capture the last remaining submarine bases of the German and would effectively eliminate the final vestiges of that serious menace. We could not predict the action of the German occupation forces in Denmark. It was possible they would choose to defend that region stubbornly and in that event we planned to conduct a lightning campaign against them.

In early April, Montgomery had estimated that to carry out the mission assigned him, he would need no strength beyond the seventeen divisions then in his Twenty-first Army Group. I offered him additional logistic assistance by reserving for him a portion of capacity of the American railroad bridgehead at West. This help he declined. But as the operations developed on his flank, he found his troops rapidly used up and in the interests of speed asked for additional strength and supply assistance. Both I was glad to provide. I attached temporarily to Montgomery's force the U.S. XVIII Airborne Corps under General Ridgway. It was to operate in a ground role to support Montgomery's attack. But we were

also prepared, in the event the Germans in Denmark should decide to fight to a finish, to provide additional strength for an airborne attack to cross the Kiel Canal.

When Bremen finally fell to Montgomery's force April 20, the resistance in his front became markedly weaker. He quickly transferred his main effort to the sector of the British 30 Corps, which launched an attack across the Elbe on April 20. The U.S. XVIII Corps made a simultaneous crossing somewhat to the South and provided a flank protection to the British advance.

On May 1 the 11th Armoured Division of the British 30 Corps began a brilliant dash across Schleswig-Holstein to the Baltic and entered Lubeck on the afternoon of May 2. This sealed off the enemy in Denmark and also prevented any of the defeated forces in Germany from withdrawing into that country.

Montgomery now rapidly consolidated his gains all along his front and on May 3 the U.S. XVIII Corps made contact with the Russians in Montgomery's sector. With Berlin in flames and the Northern flank of the Red Army attack sweeping in our direction across Germany, all resistance collapsed. Swarms of Germans streaming back from the Russian front now began giving themselves up to the Anglo-American armies. American troops standing on the Elbe daily received these prisoners by the thousands.

On Montgomery's left his Canadian Army had, in the meantime, continued its successful operations and rapidly cleared up its entire front except that it made no attempt to turn back into Western Holland, where the German Twenty-fifth Army was entrenched.

We knew that conditions in Holland had been steadily deteriorating and, after the advance of our armies had isolated the area from Germany, the Dutch situation became almost intolerable. Judging from the information available to me, I feared that wholesale starvation would take place and decided to take positive steps to prevent it. I still refused to consider a major offensive into the country. Not only would great additional destruction and suffering have resulted but the enemy, having flooded the country and destroyed much of its fertility for years to come, I warned General Blaskowitz, the German commander in Holland, to refrain from opening any more dykes and pointed out to him that nothing he could do in Holland would impede the speedy collapse of Germany.

The High Commissioner in Holland, Seyss-Inquart, offered a local solution by proposing a truce. If the Allied forces would refrain from any Westward advance into Holland no further flooding would take place in the country and the Germans would co-operate in the introduction of relief supplies. My military superiors had already given me a free hand in the matter and I accordingly sent my chief of staff, General Smith, to meet Seyss-Inquart on April 30. They agreed upon methods of introducing food and supplies which the Allies had already accumulated for the prisoners. Large quantities began immediately being sent, but as long as the German Government held out, Blaskowitz could under no circumstance capitulate.

To Be Continued



It is not quite correct to say that there is nothing to be got out of further talks with the Russians. At least, we always get the envoy back.

The Government complains that the number of applications for Defence Medals is disappointing. Most of us want to know what else to use for cheap expansion.

"Five Born Every Hour," says a heading. But we always understood that it was one a minute.

Cigarette prices have gone up. This naturally follows.

Professor Simon on Tuesday night gave a lecture on "Some Thoughts On Learning a Foreign Language." Leaving out the swear-words, is there anything to say on this subject?

A correspondent is aggrieved because "The Mikado" was played over Radio Hong Kong when he was not listening. These unco-operative Government departments!

Announcement that the new hotel rates legislation has been further postponed, prompts Earnest Ernie to enquire: "What is a transient?"

London crime report. "Robbery was not the motive, because the victim's cigarette case was still half-full."

"Many young people would find life impossible without their cocktail friends," states a columnist. It's meet and drink to them.

Cases of fish have been stolen from lorries at Aberdeen. Alas, poor fish! He gets stolen by hook or crook.

"I didn't care for my husband's beard, at first, but I grow on one."

"I'm very glad it doesn't grow on me."

A HK landlord says the monthly rents he collects from one of his properties do not even cover the cost of whitewashing the building. With the result, we presume, that white-wash does not cover the building.

"Child," said the schoolmaster, "do you know that you have broken the eighth commandment by stealing your comrade's ice-cream?"

"Well sir," replied the unpunctuated boy, "I thought I might just as well break the eighth and have the ice-cream than break the tenth and covet it."



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NORWAY REPLIES TO RUSSIA

Conciliatory Answer To Moscow's Note Seeking Security In A Regional Defence Pact

Denmark's Part In Alliance

London, February 2. Sylvain Mangot, Reuter's diplomatic correspondent writes: Observers in London believe that Russia's note to Norway will speed up the issue from Washington of formal invitations to an Atlantic Union conference.

It has always been assumed in London that invitations to Norway and Denmark will be issued simultaneously. If, as a result of the Soviet note, Norway receives and accepts an invitation in the very near future, as now seems likely, Denmark will also seek Parliamentary approval for such a step, it is thought in London.

The Soviet note to Norway caused little surprise in Scandinavian circles in London, where it had been known that unofficial Russian enquiries in Oslo and Stockholm had been made about Nordic membership of the Atlantic Union.

Russia, it is recalled, made a somewhat similar inquiry of Norway some eight months ago on the possibility of her granting bases to the Western powers in Spitzbergen.

Now, as then, Norway will, it is assumed here, be duly assured that no permission for foreign bases on Norwegian territory is involved—Reuter.

Oslo, February 2. Norway yesterday advised the Soviet Union that she is studying the possibilities of joining a defence alliance with the Atlantic powers.

The announcement was made in Norway's reply to the Soviet Union's note asking for an explanation of Norway's attitude to the Atlantic Pact.

The reply, which is framed in conciliatory terms, says Norway welcomes an opportunity to present her views on her security problems to the Soviet Government.

Norway had hoped that the United Nations would be strong enough to assure peace and security, but this hope had not been fulfilled, the note says. Norway must therefore seek regional security within the framework of the United Nations.

As the recent Scandinavian talks had failed to reach an agreement, the note added, it is natural for Norway, as a sovereign nation bordering the Atlantic, to investigate conditions for possible participation in a regional security system comprising Atlantic countries.

The note urges Russia to appreciate that Norway will never participate in any aggressive policy and will never allow her territory to be used for any such policy.

It gives an assurance that Norway will never join any agreement obliging her to open military bases to foreign forces

as long as Norway is not attacked or exposed to threats of attack.

The reply was discussed at a special meeting last night of the Parliamentary Committee for Foreign and Defence Affairs (on which the Communists are not represented).

Cabinet Meets

The Norwegian Cabinet also held a meeting last night. Earlier, the National Executive of the Norwegian Labour (Government) Party had pledged full support to the Government's foreign and defence policy.

Usually well-informed sources here say that during last week-end Scandinavian defence talks, Norway told the Swedish and Danish delegates that she requires very full guarantees before binding herself to any proposed Atlantic Pact.

On Thursday the Norwegian Parliament will hear a report from the Foreign Minister which will be followed by a foreign affairs debate.

Norway's reply to the Soviet Union reads: "The note which the Soviet Ambassador presented to the Foreign Office on January 29 gave the Norwegian Government a welcome opportunity to express their view of Norway's security and political problems to the Soviet Government."

Serious Desire

"The Norwegian Government had hoped that the United Nations would be strong enough to maintain peace and security for all countries, but developments have shown that this hope is still unfulfilled."

"The Norwegian people's serious desire to secure their freedom has convinced the Norwegian Government that it is necessary to seek increased security through regional defence co-operation."

"Such regional agreements are expressly anticipated in the United Nations Charter and are, in the Norwegian Government's opinion, in accordance with the Charter's objectives in aiming at preventing aggression."

"Lately the Norwegian Government, together with the Danish and Swedish Governments, has investigated the possibilities of increasing the three countries' security through a Nordic defence alliance."

"These investigations have shown that at present the necessary agreement on conditions for, and the consequences of, such an alliance are lacking. In these circumstances, the Norwegian Government, in consideration of Norway's situation bordering the Atlantic Ocean,

and her position as a typical seafaring nation, will make closer investigations into the forms of, and on what conditions Norway might be able to participate in, a regional security system comprising the countries around the Atlantic."

Not Aggressive

"The Norwegian Government must be assured that Norway will never take part in a policy with aggressive aim. She will never allow Norwegian territory to be used in the service of such a policy."

"The Norwegian Government will not join any agreement with other States involving obligations for Norway to open bases for foreign powers' military forces on Norwegian territory as long as Norway is not attacked or exposed to threats of attack."

"Norway and Russia have lived peacefully side by side, as neighbours since time immemorial. The Norwegian Government is convinced that the Soviet Government knows of our country's unbroken tradition in the work for peace and our desire to remain in friendly relations with all peace-loving nations."—Reuter.

Technical Training In Malaya

Kuala Lumpur, February 2. The Federation Government is considering a technical training scheme costing \$753,728, 000 and providing facilities for 500 students here.

This is an interim measure. The full project, estimated at nearly \$750,000,000, is to be developed later. It includes a new technical college with two hostels (each housing 250), staff quarters and a sports stadium.

The new technical college, to be situated on the outskirts of Kuala Lumpur, is calculated to help meet the crying need for technicians in the country. It is to be residential and equipped with proper laboratory facilities. The interim scheme provides for the same teaching facilities but smaller residences and staff quarters.

Five full-time courses will be provided in civil, electrical, mechanical and telecommunications engineering and survey.

Capital for the project will be appropriated from the Colonial Development and Welfare Fund.—Associated Press.

Washington Drops Hint To Europe On Military Help

Washington, February 1. The State Department said today that the United States hopes Norway and other nations soon will be brought into discussions on the proposed North Atlantic security pact. The statement adds that the U.S. stands firmly on President Truman's announced position that American military assistance will be given only to those nations which co-ordinate their security arrangements with the security plans of the United States.

Mr. Michael McDermott, the State Department spokesman, added that he can not identify the "other governments" at the present time.

Mr. McDermott said: "Neither Norway nor any other country outside those already engaged in the discussions have been invited to be a party to the pact. We have not been in a position to discuss it with them. But we hope to be in a position to discuss the whole subject not only with Norway but with other governments soon."

It is believed authoritatively that the question of invitations to other governments will be discussed when the British, French, Benelux and Canadian representatives meet Mr. Dean Acheson, Secretary of State, for the first time next week.

"Many Inquiries"

Mr. McDermott denied reports that the United States directly communicated with the Norwegian Foreign Office over the week-end on the subject of the pact.

He added: "Many people have inquired about the pact. Lately, inquiries concerning the possibilities of military supplies from the United States have been referred to that passage of the President's inaugural message which said that, in addition to the North Atlantic treaty, we will provide military advice and equipment to free nations which will co-operate with us in the maintenance of peace and security."

Asked if the State Department will deny that the American position on Scandinavian participation in the pact was communicated to the Scandinavian Governments before the end of their recent discussions, Mr. McDermott said: "I do not think it would."—Reuter.

RETURN OF A BATTLESHIP

London, February 1. The British battleship Royal Sovereign, lent to Russia during the war and now being returned to Britain, was due to leave Murmansk last Thursday for Rosyth, Scotland, but no definite information of her movements is available at the Admiralty.

The Admiralty spokesman said: "We cannot find out whether she has left Murmansk, but we are working on the assumption that she has done so." He added that the battleship is due at Rosyth next Thursday.

The Press Attaché at the Soviet Embassy in London said today: "I think she will arrive on Thursday. If it is agreed, you can be sure she will arrive in accordance with the agreement." The Soviet Government never breaks its agreements.—Reuter.

Belcher's Successor Appointed

London, February 1. The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, has appointed Mr. Lewis John Edwards, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health, to be Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade in succession to Mr. John Belcher in a junior Ministerial reshuffle officially announced tonight.

Mr. Belcher figured in the Lynskey Tribunal, which recently investigated allegations of corruption in Government circles, and resigned after giving evidence.

Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop, at present Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Pensions, succeeds Mr. Edwards and is himself succeeded by Mr. C. J. Simmonds, at present a Lord Commissioner of the Treasury.

Mr. H. R. Adams becomes a Lord Commissioner of the Treasury.

The reshuffle, by its extremely limited character, forms an anticlimax to the recent widespread speculation on Government changes in which the names of at least a quarter of Mr. Attlee's Ministry were mentioned.

The appointment of Mr. Edwards to succeed Mr. Belcher is the only Ministerial change related to the proceedings of the recent Tribunal.—Reuter.

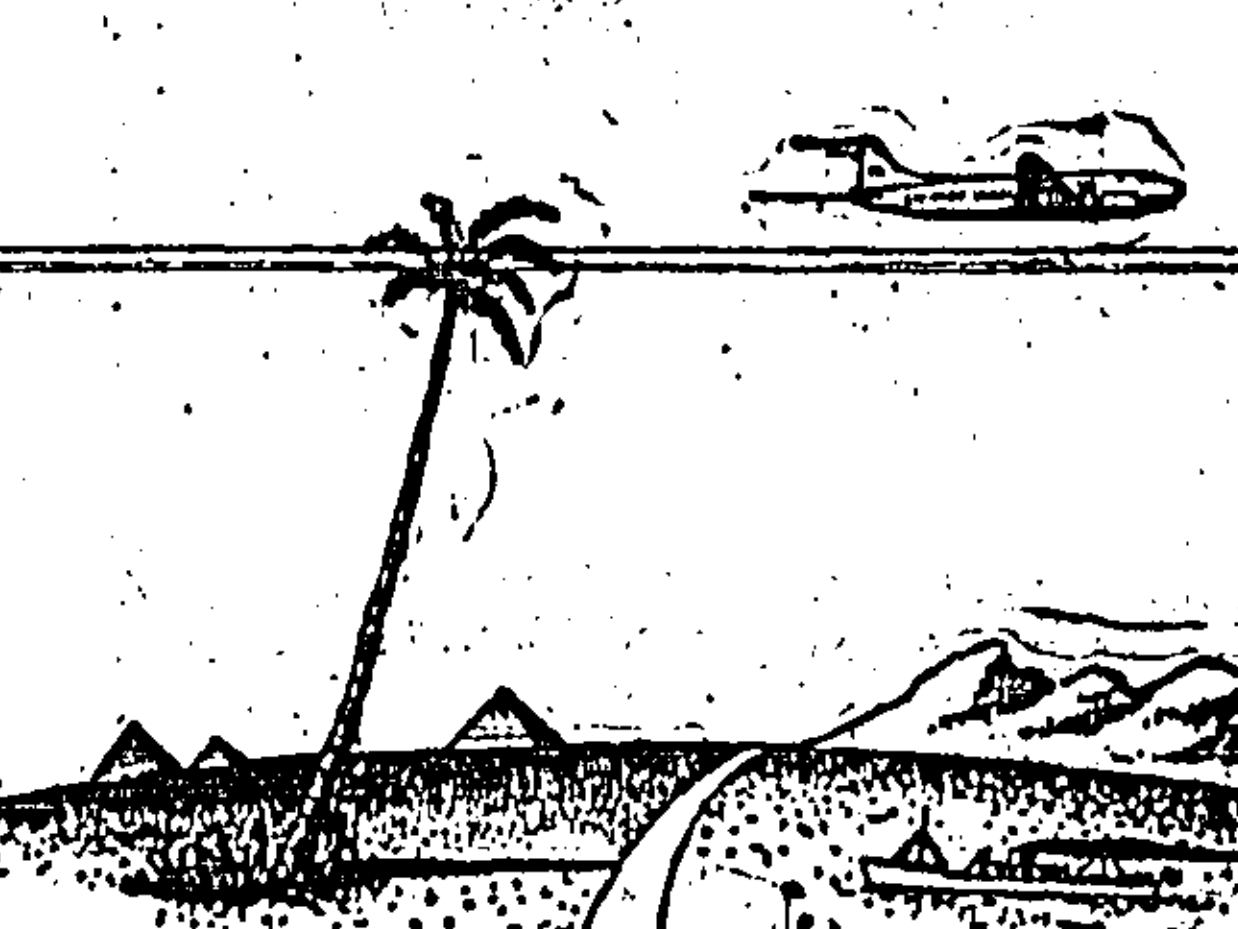
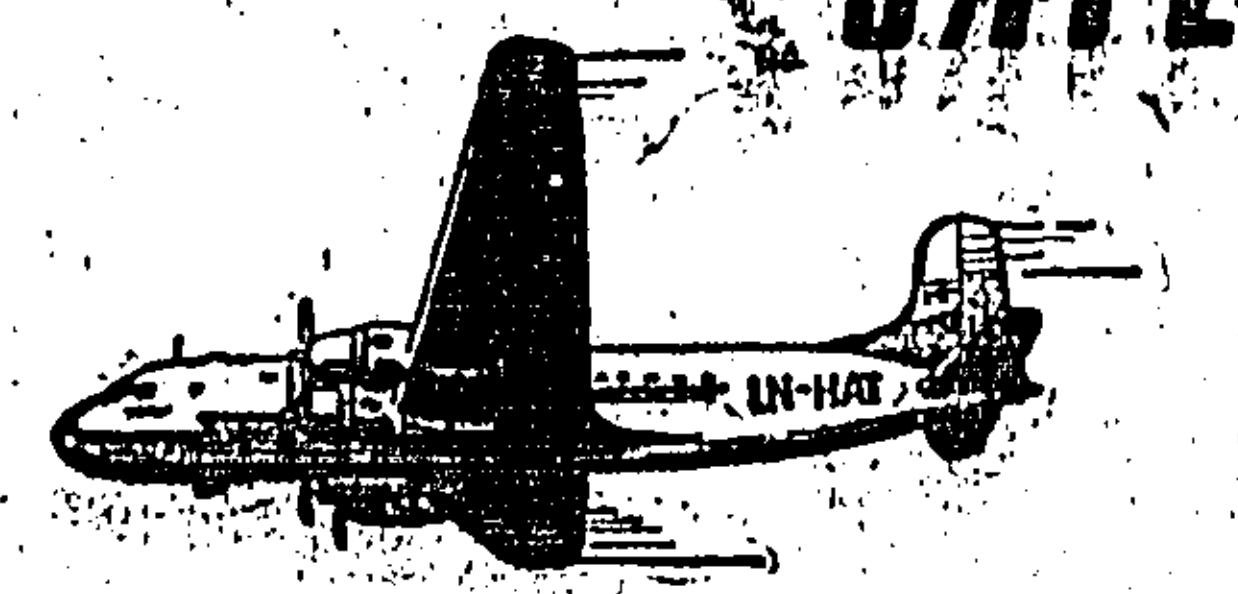
London, February 1. A two-penny stamp issued in Cook Island in 1932 with the centre upside down fetched £70 in London today.—Reuter.

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Britain Shipping Gold To U.S.

London, February 1. Britain is continuing to make big gold shipments to the United States—over £20,000,000 worth was made in December.

The shipments are ascribed to the rebuilding of British-owned gold and dollar stocks in the United States.

These stocks were heavily depleted by arrears of E.R.P. reimbursements to Britain during the first six months of E.R.P. between April and September.

They are now being restored to a more normal level.

During that period Britain had to raise more dollars by actually selling gold to the U.S. Treasury. Since the end of September, E.R.P. receipts, including arrears, have appreciably exceeded the sterling area's dollar deficit, and Britain has been able to replace part of the gold and dollars drawn from reserves in the previous six months.

The present Westward movement must thus be only a change of location (or a change from gold into dollars) but not a change of ownership; shipments are additions to Britain's stock of U.S. dollars or stock of gold held in the United States.

Shipments may also include some (probably small) movements on South African account—either shipments by South African authorities via London or gold which they sell direct to the United States, or shipments from Britain on South Africa's behalf, in advance of gold reimbursement from South Africa for a portion of South Africa's hard currency deficit, which London covers as South Africa's agent.

Normally, direct gold shipments from South Africa to the United States are cheaper than triangular shipments via London but the triangular route may sometimes be used in naval vessels. It is understood that no South African gold comes to London except in naval vessels.

Threat To Ceylon's Rubber

London, February 1. The British Government is studying Ceylon's rubber industry, believed to be threatened with 200,000 unemployed and a partial-collapse unless a government subsidy of 10 cents a lb weight is forthcoming very soon.

The Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, Mr. Philip Noel-Baker, has had a long conversation on the subject with the High Commissioner for Ceylon, Sir Oliver Goonetilleke, and his Trade Commissioner, Mr. C. E. Jayasuriya, and representatives of the British Board of Trade.

Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, met Sir Oliver at the Treasury tonight. They discussed the present position of the sterling talks between Britain and Ceylon, now going on in Colombo. The British delegation is expected to leave Colombo for New Delhi on Thursday.—Reuter.

QUESTION FOR MR. ATTLEE

London, February 2. The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, is to be asked whether he will offer to arrange a meeting between President Truman and Premier Stalin.

A Labour Member of Parliament, Mr. Ronald Chamberlain, will make the suggestion in the House of Commons on Thursday.—Associated Press.

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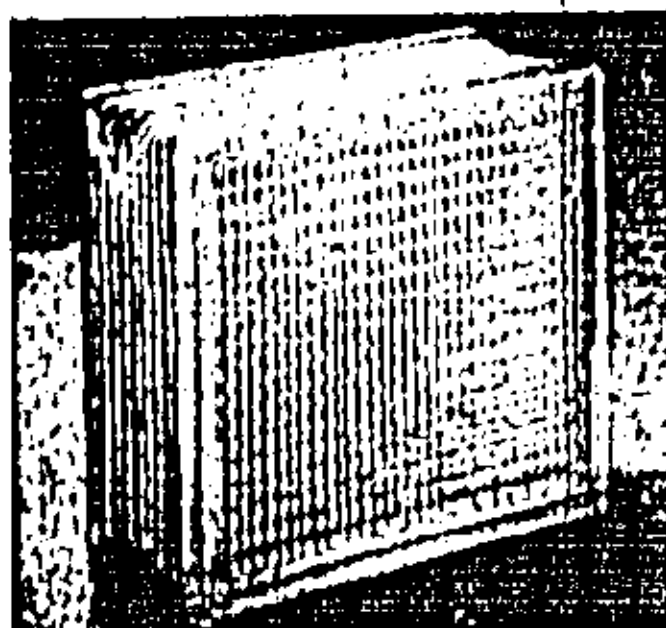
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ENGINEERING PAGE

TENSILE STRENGTH OF CAST IRON TREBLED

The new nodular cast iron, produced in the laboratories of the British Cast Iron Research Association after long research, has so many advantages that experts are entitled to call it a revolutionary advance. It will revolutionize the ordinary grey cast iron in a number of engineering applications. The new cast iron is made by adding to the molten metal a small amount of cerium. (Most lighter flints are 50 per cent. cerium).

The new process has increased the tensile strength of cast iron three-fold. In World War-I tensile strengths of about 15 tons a square inch were achieved. By World War II these had been improved to about 25 tons a square inch. Iron treated with cerium now gives up to 80 tons a square inch, and the process requires no material change in foundry equipment.

All the raw materials required for making cast iron are available in Britain. The advantages of increased tensile strength, and the fact that variable sections can be made in one piece, and less machining is necessary—these will benefit the whole world.

Moreover, where a quick expansion of production is required, foundries can provide it without the danger of bottlenecks which may arise when materials have to be subjected to longer processes such as extrusion, pressing and forging.

Cast iron is now being used for making engine crankshafts. It has been found necessary to remove only three to ten per cent. of the cast weight in finishing processes, whereas in many cases steel shafts two-thirds to three-quarters of the original forgings have to be removed. The qualities of ordinary cast iron will be further improved by the use of the new nodular cast iron. Nodular cast iron is also easier to machine, strength for strength, so that saving should be possible in cutting tools, time, labour and overheads.

Toughening Metal Surface

Experimental work carried out by Tilghman's Patent Sand Blast Company, Manchester, England, may result in increasing the life of machine parts tenfold. "Shot peening" the name of the process on which research is being carried out, improves fatigue life by peening and so toughening metal surfaces. The life of many working parts of cars can be extended more than tenfold by the new process. Several manufacturers are already shot peening such things as torsion bars, dynamo shafts, clutch springs and crankshafts. It has been found that shot peening also saves time in polishing, and even dispenses with it. One more recent application is in eliminating porosity

in aluminium and other alloy die-castings.

"Vapour honing" is another process developed by this firm. In it fine abrasives in water or alcohol are used to hone machine parts against the metal surface to be treated. This reduces time spent in polishing and eliminates it for certain articles. In certain instances it is possible to plate directly on to a vapour-honed article, a technical achievement of considerable importance. Vapour honing is used to remove burrs from the eyes of needles, machine marks (before polishing) on the rotors of jet engines—and in fact, machine marks from a variety of articles.

Prototype machines applying the new processes are being tested by the Manchester firm of R. J. Richardson and Sons. In view of the advances that seem likely in the technique of casting the new processes seem to have great possibilities.

New British Publication

A new British publication, designed to meet the needs of overseas buyers requiring information on new British farm machinery, is now being prepared.

Called "British Farm Mechanisation," it will be a link between engineers and farmers throughout the world. It has the approval of the Board of Trade, who have granted licence for the paper which will allow world wide distribution.

The first issue, which is expected to be ready in the spring, will total 80 pages on good quality paper including 16 editorial pages in two colours. It will be the only paper especially designed for overseas in this field. It will be the companion journal to "Farm Mechanisation," which has a wide circulation among farmers in Britain. (The publication is to be published by Temple Press Ltd., Bowling Green Lane, London, E.C. 1).



A new development aimed at reducing casualties on the road was demonstrated at Hayes, Middlesex, recently. It is a speaking device incorporated with traffic lights to address instructions and warnings to pedestrians using the crossing. Expressions are recorded on a strip and automatically "played" when the red, amber and green lights change. Ministry of Transport officials, police and engineers today saw inventor, A. Trayner, demonstrate the "talkie-lights," which he has developed in conjunction with the H.M.V. Gramophone Company. Photo shows Mr. A. Trayner, the inventor of the "talkie-lights," making an adjustment to the recording.

"New" Metals To Be Developed In Australia

By CHARLES LYNCH

Plans for the production of "new" metals in Australia are beginning to take shape, particularly in the West of the continent, where a £A500,000 company will treat and export tantalite, beryl and other rare minerals.

Plant for the treatment will cost £A80,000 and will be obtained in Australia and overseas countries by New Metals Pty. Ltd.

The new company will take over leases held by Tantalite Ltd. on the Pilbarra field, 80 miles inland from Port Hedland on the West coast of Western Australia, and at Greenbushes, in the South of Western Australia. Plans have been prepared for a Western Australian port yet to be selected for the treatment plant, and stocks of tantalite and beryl have been accumulated in the mines in readiness for the processing.

Rosterite

It is reported that about 70 different minerals are to be found on the Pilbarra field. Some of these are not important commercially. The company's main interest is in tantalite and the caesium-bearing variety of beryl, which is known as rosterite. The tantalite is mined from a pegmatite dyke, and the beryl in the past has been regarded as a by-product of the operation.

Tantalite is now being used in industry to an increasing degree. It is valued for resistance to corrosion. Radar and electronic industries generally are big users. Two tons of tantalite worth about £A1,400 are required to produce one ton of tantalum, the price of which is often as high as £A35,000. Beryllium alloys possess hardness and strength, and beryllia is used for fluorescent lighting, and for television equipment. Caesium enters into the manufacture of photo electric material, and its salts are used in analytical chemistry. It commands a fabulously high price.

Cheyne Bay Sands

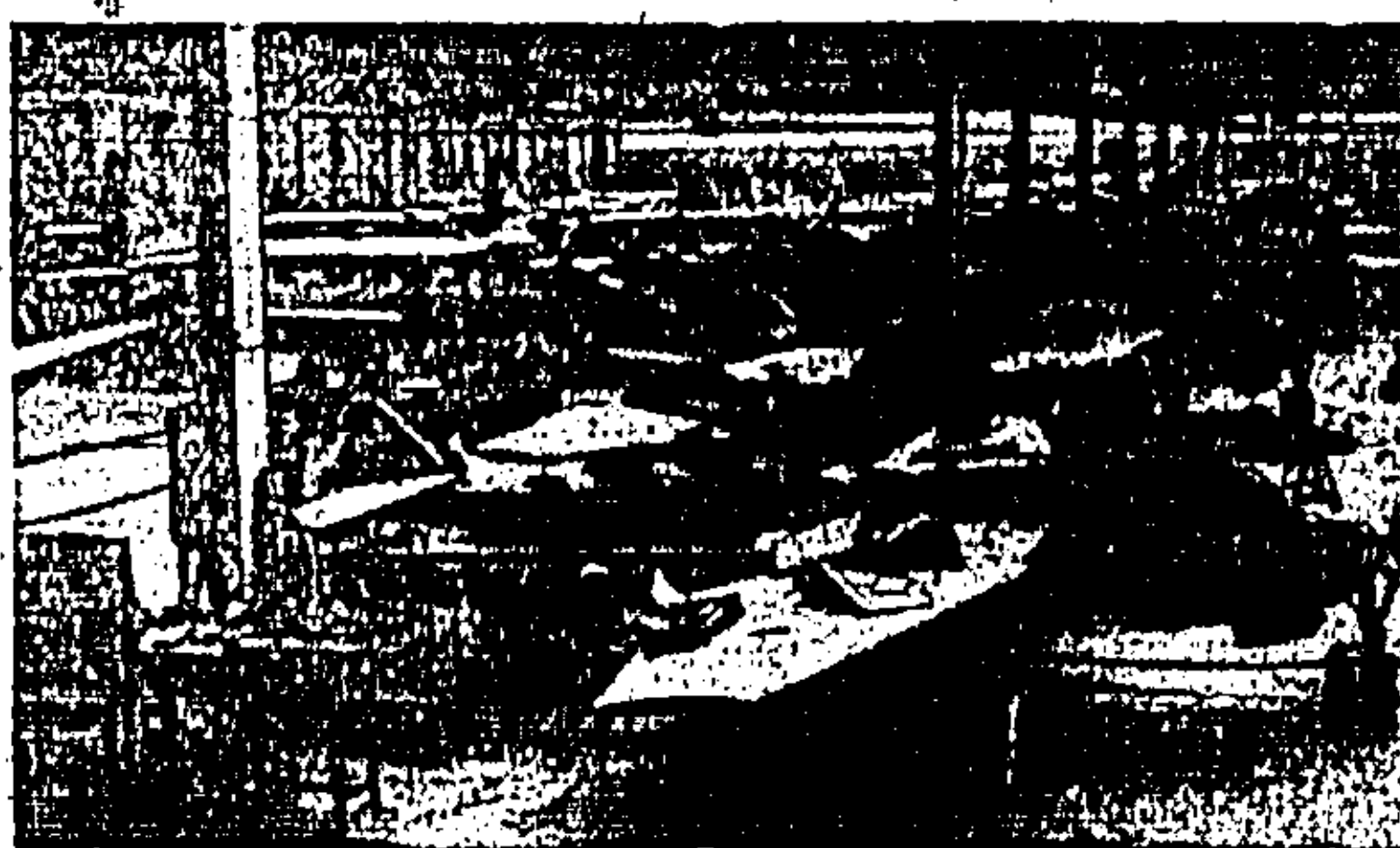
Exploitation of zircon-rutile-ilmenite bearing beach sands at Cheyne Bay, about 60 miles East of Albany, Western Australia, is another new project.

The fact that the Cheyne Bay sands are reported to be chrome free will facilitate recovery of the ilmenite content. Ilmenite, used in the manufacture of titanium oxide, is an important constituent of paints, and is imported by Australia in large quantities from Travancore, India. Ilmenite is also found in the Pacific beach sands of Eastern Queensland, and is exploited by a producing company.

BAKING BY INFRA-RED RAYS

The possibility of baking bread by means of infra-red radiation, and by high frequency heating, is being investigated by the baking industry in Sydney (Australia), where bakers have approached the Sydney County Council on the subject. Experimental work carried out in the United States of America, shows that there are "many difficulties" to be overcome.

Some of the problems are related to the rise of the loaf during heating, and uneven bulges which often lead to burning. Samples produced show that there are no craters on the loaves. Infra-red can be described simply as radiant heating which is governed by wave-length.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

A determined effort is being made by British aircraft manufacturers to supply the Forces and civil companies with the finest possible aircraft they can produce. In this picture aircraft of military and civil types are under construction at the De Havilland Aircraft works at Hatfield, Hertfordshire.

Suspension Bridge Test Models

Research workers of Britain's National Physical Laboratory are investigating the reaction of suspension bridges when exposed to gales by using a 52-foot model of a bridge in a wind tunnel. These experiments are to determine the design for the proposed bridges over the River Severn, which flows through Wales and England which will be the largest suspension bridge in Europe, and the third largest in the world.

The model is mounted on a turntable so that it can be subjected to winds of 140 miles an hour from all quarters. It has been found that the construction of the bridge deck platform has a great effect on stability. A form of deck similar to the one used for the Tacoma Bridge in the United States proved unstable in a 40 miles-an-hour wind, in which the

model began to "gallop." (The Tacoma Bridge collapsed in a 42 miles-an-hour wind in 1940).

The suspension bridge to be built over the Severn will be able to withstand gales up to 140 miles an hour, though winds of such speeds have never been recorded in Britain.

Experiments have already proved that one of the causes of disaster to suspension bridges is the practice of stiffening the roadway with solid girders running the whole length. The bridge is much stronger when the solid girders are replaced by open latticed ones. Experiments have also shown that the effect of wind on a suspension bridge deck is analogous to its effect on an aircraft wing. The result of the final tests with the model is awaited with considerable interest by engineers throughout the world.

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TIENTSIN GETTING BACK TO NORMAL CONDITIONS

Vietnam And Chinese Reds

Paris, February 1. Dr. Ho Chi-minh, leader of the Vietminh autonomists fighting the French in Indo-China, said in a broadcast speech today that he has a secret agreement with Mao Tse-tung, Chinese Communist leader. It is reported from Saigon.

During the broadcast, it was also announced that Van Yen Giep, right-hand man of Dr. Ho, called on all Vietnamese forces to hold themselves in readiness for a general counter-attack against the French forces in Indo-China.—Reuter.

Unions To Meet In Peiping

Paris, February 1. An Asian fact-finding trade union conference will meet in Communist-held Peiping in the first week of May, the World Federation of Trade Unions' Executive Committee decided here tonight.

The Committee, before ending its four-day session, also agreed to notify the United Nations Economic Council of the treatment by certain Asian governments of trade union officials.

The Peiping conference will be open to all organised labour movements.

The suggestion came from a five-member sub-committee headed by the Chinese delegate, Mr. H. T. Liu.

The Australian delegate, Mr. A. E. Monk, spoke of the trade union position in India, Malaya, Burma, Indonesia, Indochina and Siam, and said that in some of these countries unions are only allowed to operate as Government-sponsored organisations.

He doubted whether the Governments concerned will issue visas for delegates to travel to Peiping unless they are representatives of Government-sponsored unions.—Reuter.

FOREIGN FIRMS IN THE PI

Manila, February 1. Foreign firms and corporations may leave public lands for industrial and residential purposes, according to the Secretary of Justice, Mr. Sabino Padilla, today.

Under the present law on public domains, known as the Commonwealth Act, No. 141, Mr. Padilla said foreign corporations and partnerships are disqualified from purchasing or acquiring public lands for the exploitation of natural resources or for agricultural purposes.

The opinion was formulated this afternoon by the Justice Secretary at the request of Mr. Placido Mapa, Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources.—Reuter.

Rome, February 1. Snow fell in Rome today for the first time this winter.—Reuter.

(The following is the first eye-witness report on the capture of Tientsin by the Communists and the conditions prevailing there now. The report, sent via Peiping, took two and a half days to reach Shanghai.)

Tientsin, January 30.

Although little more than a fortnight has passed since the fall of Tientsin, the city is quickly returning to normal, street barricades have been removed and the town will probably witness an economic boom if telecommunications are restored.

Hitherto the city has been isolated telegraphically while the railways are not available for the use of foreigners, who must obtain travel permits which nobody is authorised to issue.

While the protection of foreign lives and respect of properties is rigidly enforced, foreign enterprises are completely disregarded and unable to resume normal functioning.

Foreign banks remain closed despite their desire to resume, and consequently foreign traders are puzzled. Many are facing financial difficulties since the newly-created People's Bank is exchanging Gold Yuan and foreign currencies into people's money. A black market is in full swing.

Nobody seems authorised to assume decisions regarding foreigners' enterprises or their problems.

Reuter surrendered its communications wireless receivers and consequently had to disband its staff. The future of Reuters is linked with the overall arrangements and future relations with foreign states.

Tientsin's Truman, Roosevelt and Chung Ching (named after Chiang Kai-shek) Roads have been renamed Reconstruction, New China and Liberation Streets.

Anti-American Slogans

Forty slogans for current use, issued by the Tientsin Executive Committee of the Chinese Communist Party, include: "Oppose American Imperialistic Aggression in China," "Oppose the Revival of Japan's Aggressive Potential through American Imperialistic Fostering," "Down with Chiang Kai-shek, Hunting Dog of American Imperialism."

Slogans also suggest the building up of a democratic and prosperous Tientsin, to improve production, pay equal attention to private and public interests, guarantee workers a reasonable living level, protect educational, cultural and religious establishments, and benevolence to surrendering officers and men.

The Communist Army is not humiliating surrendering personnel and is behaving in an exemplary manner.

The Communist armies occupied Tientsin with systematic calm and precision, displaying exemplary behaviour which was admired by both foreigners and Chinese alike.

Without mechanised units, modern transport and an air force, Communist infantrymen swiftly descended from all sides in organised formations, each man tired and weary after four days of waiting and skirmishing in the outskirts—still ready to smile and asking for nothing but a drink of water.

Sentries were promptly posted outside business houses whose display windows had earlier been blasted, thus preventing extensive looting which rifflers had attempted.

Some Fighting

Surrendering Nationalist troops were reportedly told that they had nothing to fear and, indeed, many

after going through the "hands-up" formality and being disarmed, were left unattended in groups pending arrangements being made for them.

But not all Nationalist troops gave up so easily. Bloodshed ensued, involving the use of mortars, which were mounted on trucks, hand-grenades and rifles.

The Nationalist retreat and defence along the streets of Tientsin was without system or organisation. Some defenders in uniform and equipment tried to disappear among the crowds. Others threw away their ammunition and the roads were littered with grenades, rifles, ammunition, insignia, armbands and other military possessions which are still being gathered.

Warm Welcome

Nobody seemed in command or in control. It was every patrol, section or man for himself. Some tried to take refuge in private residences. At least one such group, comprising over 20 Nationalists, did not show their faces in the streets at all but played mahjong until the shooting had subsided and then quietly surrendered.

By 11 a.m. on January 15, Tientsin was theoretically completely occupied. Some sectors of the city came in for heavy fire but others escaped unscathed.

When the Communist armies entered, they poured along all roads without getting into each other's way.

They rested on the pavements, paying little attention to civilians who commenced venturing outside their homes. Some people appeared and more civilians glad to have survived the historic ordeal of the previous several days, started moving about, inspecting their damaged houses and watching the new army marching in.

The Communists immediately found warm welcome. At night, sentries were on guard duty and more troops, cavalry and carts, drawn by four horses each poured into the city.

Shell Property Destroyed

The Nationalists abandoned motor vehicles in mid-street while drums of petrol were rolled into the streets by worried workmen. The Communists went about their duties in a businesslike manner but were humane in their treatment of the Nationalists.

The Communists claim to have captured alive the Garrison commander, General Chen Chieh-cheng, and Mayor Tu Chieh-shih.

Despite the heavy shelling, foreign properties were relatively little damaged although fire consumed the Shell Oil Company's 5,000 drums of kerosene, 200 tons of Diesel oil and both warehouses.

Individuals and their experience count for little in the overall picture in which a new China is being born and where, despite the anti-American slogans, Hollywood films are being screened.—Reuter.

Canadian Destroyer For Far East

Ottawa, February 2. The Defence Minister, Mr. Brooke Claxton, announces that the Canadian destroyer Crescent has been detached from proposed Spring exercises and will be sent to the Far East for use in event of an emergency.

The destroyer will sail from Esquimalt, British Columbia naval base, within a few days for a specific destination has been decided upon.

Mr. Claxton said that if an emergency arises as a result of disturbed conditions in the Far East, Crescent will be available to assist in the evacuation of Canadian citizens.

Crescent had been due to sail with other units of the Canadian Fleet to participate in Spring exercises.—Associated Press.

The Man Who Financed Lenin

Berlin, February 1.

The Swedish banker, Dr. Olof Aschberg, known as "The Man who Financed Lenin," has re-entered politics as a financial adviser to the Soviet Military Administration in Germany.

After 23 years of political inactivity, Dr. Aschberg, who in 1917 was alleged to have provided Lenin with the means of his successful return to Russia from exile, is now the brain behind the Soviet Military Administration's financial operations directed against Western Germany currency and Marshall Aid for the tri-zone.

The Eastern European economic plan was created by Dr. Aschberg after the Soviet Ministry of Foreign Trade had called him to Moscow in 1947 and entrusted him with the co-ordination of Eastern European financial co-operation.—Reuter.

PLAN FOR BERLIN GETS APPROVAL

Berlin, February 2.

Berlin's newly-elected City Parliament today gave a unanimous vote of confidence to its Mayor's programme of opposition to Communism and socialisation measures for industry.

The Mayor, Professor Ernst Reuter, also proposed that the West mark be adopted as the sole currency for Western Berlin and that the airlift be increased.

MURDERED TWO WIVES

Georgetown, British Guiana, February 1.

Lahuri, a 56-year-old East Indian immigrant, was yesterday sentenced to death for wife murder for the second time in 10 years.

His death sentence for killing his first wife was commuted to life imprisonment. Lahuri was re-imprisoned in August 1947. He killed his second wife with a cut-throat eight months after leaving prison.—Reuter.

DIVORCE ALLEGATION OF "SERIOUS INSULT"

Paris, February 2.

Prince Aly Khan's wife will allege in her divorce action that he "seriously insulted" her by announcing his desire to marry Rita Hayworth, the film star.

The Princess' lawyer, Jean Rapoport, announcing this, said that the papers in the case will be filed today.

"Serious insults" is one of the standard grounds for divorce in France.

M. Rapoport added that the divorce application will tell how Prince Aly and the American screen star have often been seen together since last summer.

It will also mention that she went with him to Ostend, Switzerland, at Christmas time to see his two sons.

Because of the children, M. Rapoport said, the application will be phrased in "moderate terms."

At a press conference, last month in Cannes, Prince Aly told reporters that the visit had been arranged by agreement with his wife, the former Mrs. Noel Guinness.

He said that he and Miss Hayworth will be married as soon as he is free.

"Conciliation"

Miss Hayworth was recently divorced from the actor, Orson Welles. They have a daughter, Rebecca, aged four, who was also at the Ostend Christmas gathering.

Prince Aly Khan and his wife will meet at a Paris lawyer's office on Thursday for the "conciliation attempt" which is compulsory under French law for all couples seeking a divorce.

Earlier reports said the Princess would apply in a month's time, but the proceedings have been speeded up by Prince Aly Khan's decision to take advantage of his British citizenship.

This will avoid delays through inquiries by French lawyers on the relationship of the divorce law to Indian customs. As the Prince will present himself as a British citizen, the case will be considered a normal divorce between two British subjects.—Associated Press and Reuter.

Asia On The March

London, February 1.

Vernon Bartlett, commentator in the Liberal News-Chronicle, today emphasises the importance of the Asian Conference in New Delhi.

He writes: "The collapse of Chiang Kai-shek's regime has pushed out the news of the Far East into the background, but this first claim by the Asian countries to settle the affairs of their continent may prove even more important than China's change of direction. 'Everywhere in Asia the people are on the march,' he continues. 'In both continents the Communists are busily inflaming the passions of the masses against those Europeans who have for so long dominated them and who yet, at the same time, taught them to value liberty.'

"How queer a trick of fate that the strongest upholder of modernism among the peoples of Asia in their dealings with those same Europeans should be Mr. Nehru, whose nationalism has led him to spend so many years in British guile."

"How great a tribute to the Indian leader's character,"—Reuter.

French Loan A Success

Paris, February 1.

The Prime Minister, M. Henri Queuille, said in a broadcast tonight that subscriptions to the new French five per cent Government loan have already exceeded the minimum 100,000 million francs.

He added: "Taking into account the speeding up of subscriptions, I can say that yesterday's dealings have enabled us to go beyond the 100,000 million francs mark and almost 60 per cent of this is in fresh money."

Paris financial quarters think the present loan will be closed between February 15 and 20.—Reuter.

WINSTON APPEAL FOR RECRUITS

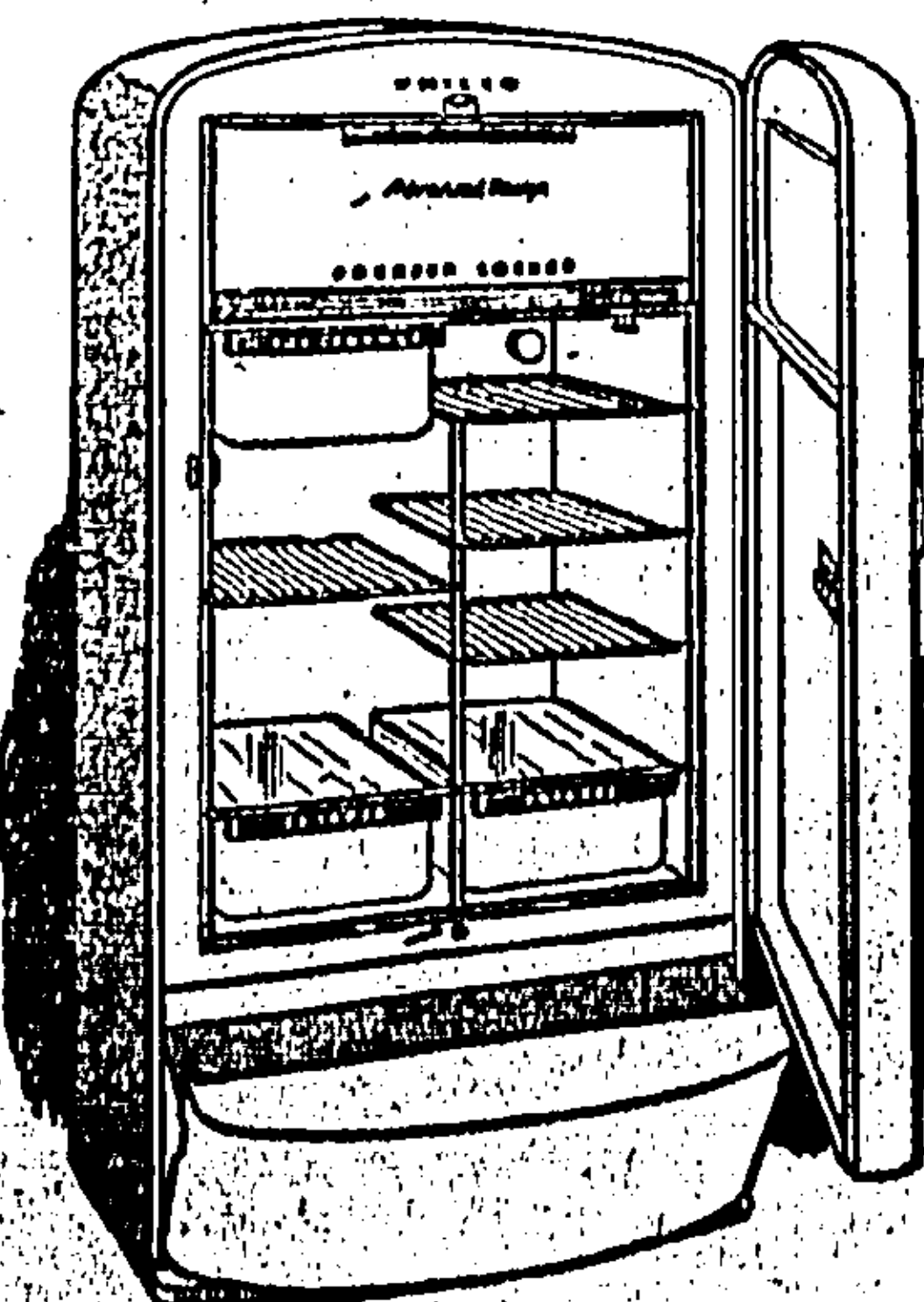
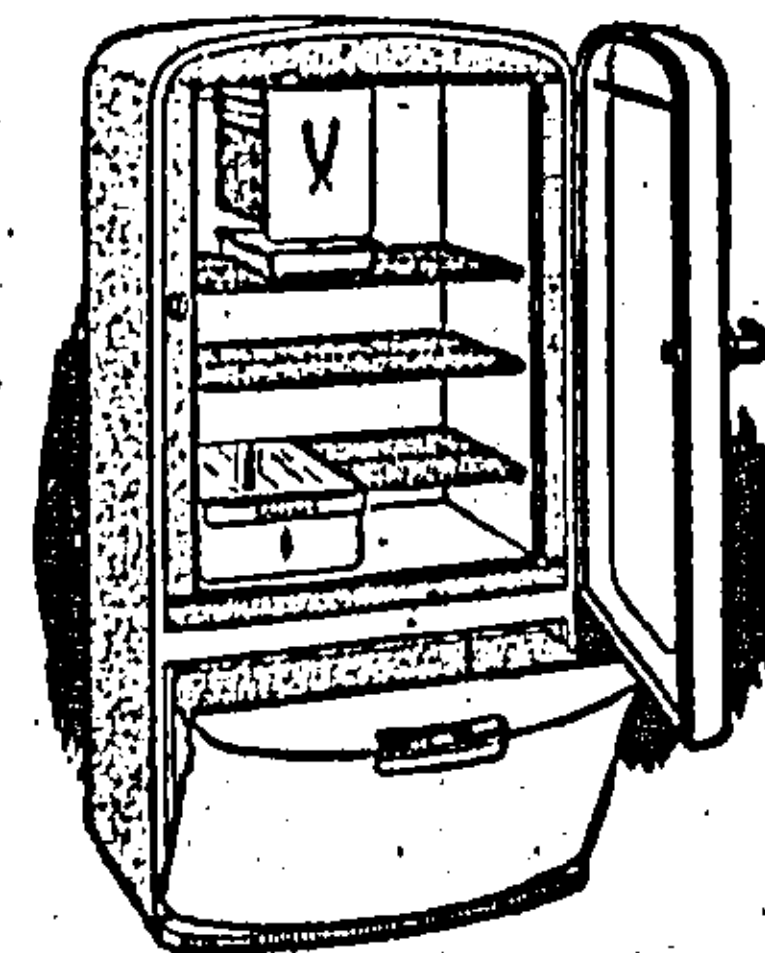
London, February 1.

Mr. Winston Churchill has accepted an invitation from the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, to broadcast a recruiting speech in the campaign to speed up enlistment in the Territorial Army.

The announcement in the House of Commons today was greeted with cheers.—Reuter.

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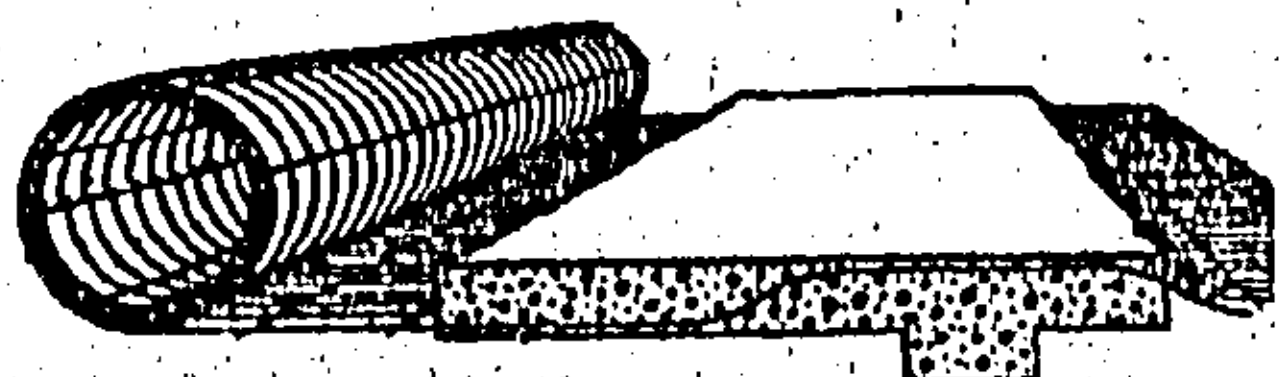


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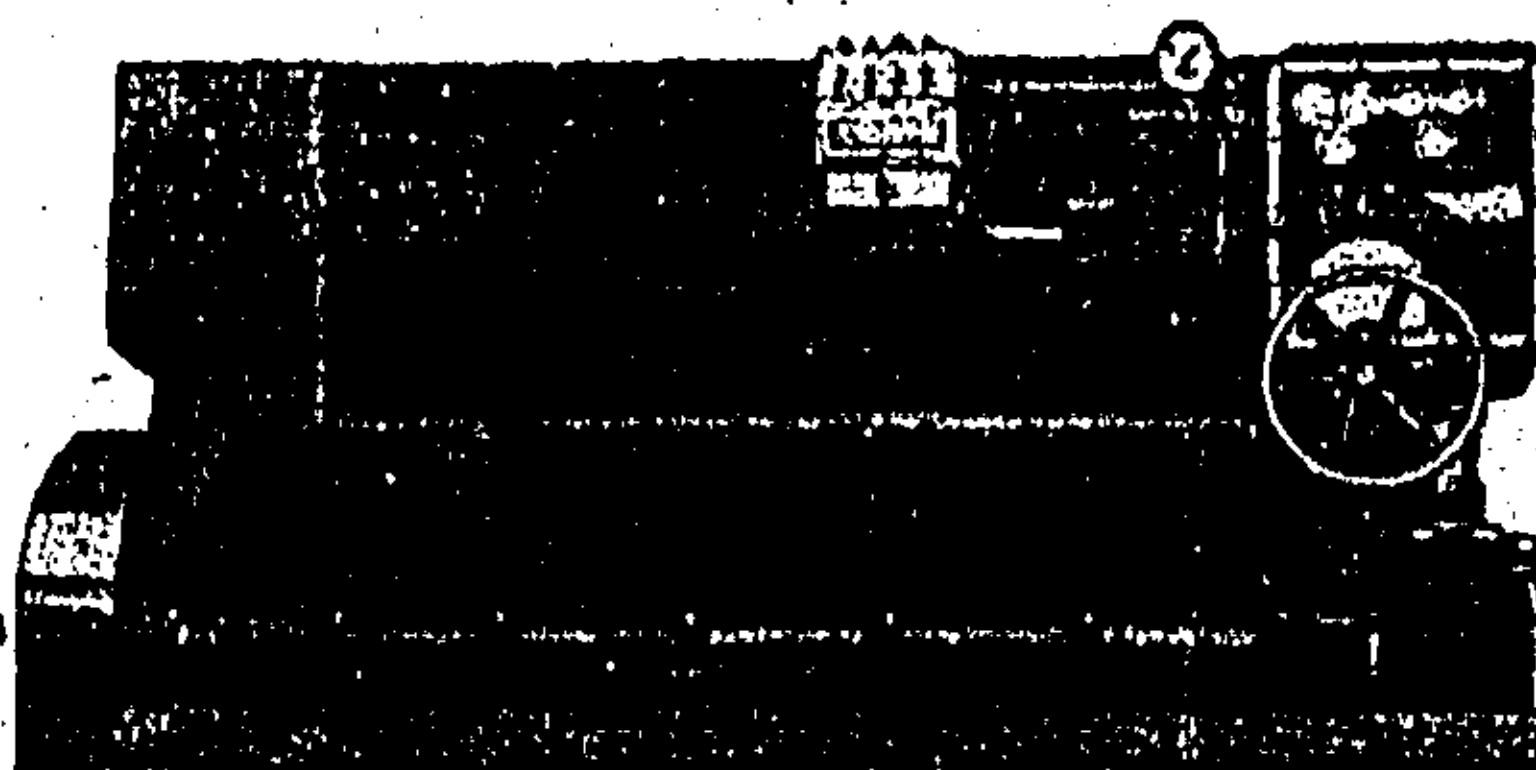
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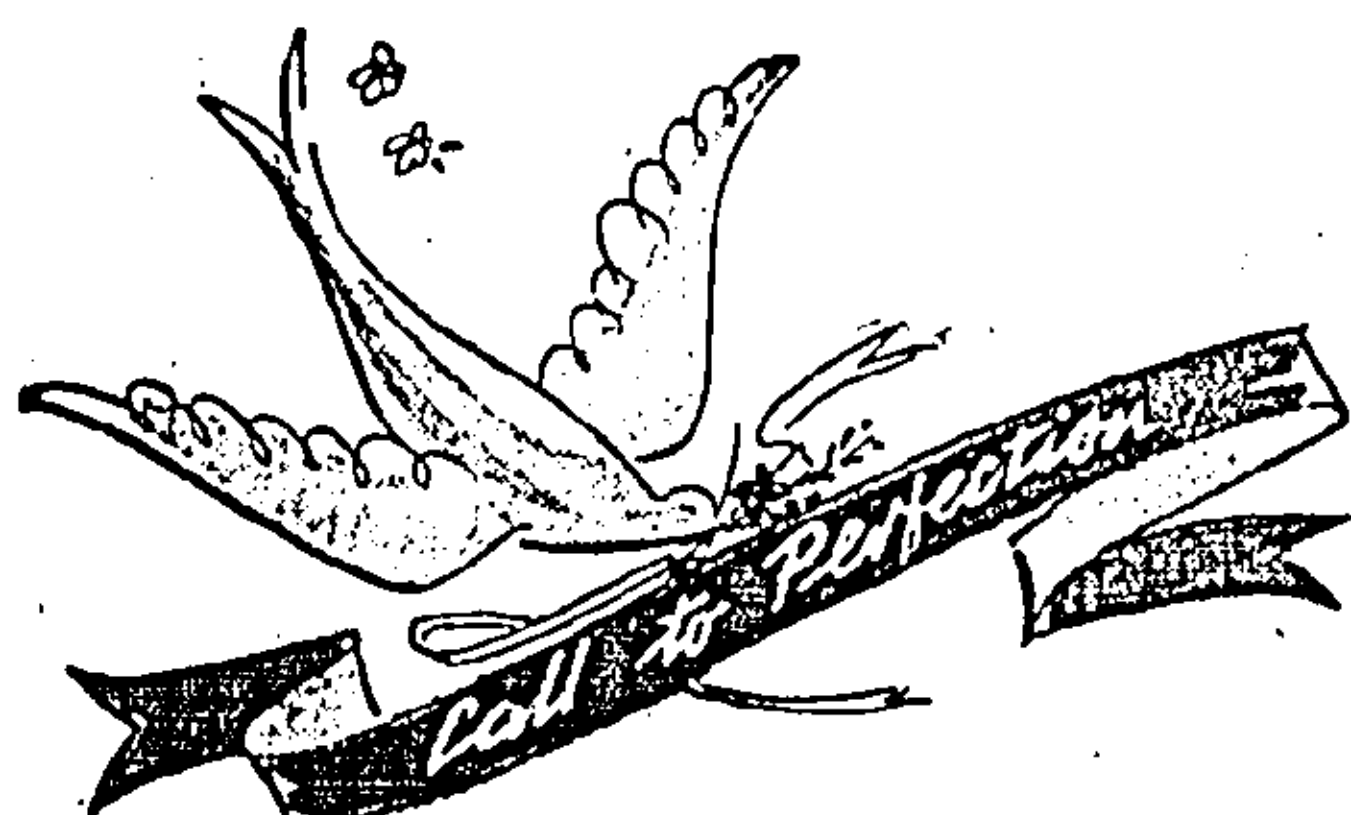
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Rangoon Ready To Recognise Karens

Rangoon, February 1.

The Burma Government is prepared to grant a separate State for the Karens—the country's largest minority now fighting the Government in a countrywide uprising.

The Government, however, is determined to prevent secession of that State even at the risk of civil war.

The Burmese Prime Minister, Thakun Nu, announced this today. It is officially announced today that General Nya Win, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Burmese armed forces, will succeed General Smith Dun, the Commander-in-Chief, who offered his resignation to the Government yesterday.

Pro-Government reports say that General Smith Dun's resignation is related to the Karen revolt. He is a Karen.

Administrative and key buildings in the capital were heavily guarded today as Government forces commenced clearing Karen tribesmen in the Northern suburbs.

Fighting along the Rangoon-Insein road has stopped, but tension is high.

Official sources say the Government had asked India to postpone the goodwill mission expected here tomorrow because of the grave situation in the country. The mission was to be headed by Dr. Pattabhi, President of the All-India Congress.

Gunfire Audible

The mission was coming to Rangoon to discuss with Burmese officials the question of compensation.

to Indian landowners under India's Land Nationalisation Act. Gunfire was clearly audible in the suburbs of Rangoon earlier today when fighting continued between Karens and Burmese at Insein, 10 miles North of here. All road and rail traffic was interrupted and telephone communications cut.—Reuter.

Hopes For Wheat Trading Pact

Washington, February 2:

Chinese and Filipino delegates to the International Wheat Conference believe the outlook is bright for world agreement on the international trade of wheat.

The conference is awaiting estimates from 55 participating nations as to the amount of their wheat expected to be available for export or import requirements.

The delegates from the Orient believe an agreement will be reached within a few weeks.

When the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations met in November, President Truman predicted that the United States would ratify the new wheat pact. This caused delegates present at the conference to feel that an agreement was reasonably sure of being attained if the U.S. would sign it. The Philippines are asking about 225,000 metric tons of assured yearly wheat imports under the proposed agreement.

The Chinese decline to state their import request, but their request last year was for 400,000 metric tons.

They indicate that their present request is similar, adding: "The lower the price, the more we can buy."

Both the Philippines and the Chinese recall that last year's proposed pact provided a price range from \$1.10 to \$2. They hope that something similar will be arranged in the present negotiations.

Both delegations indicate that a four or five year pact will be acceptable.—Associated Press.

Ex-Premier's Daughter On Stage

London, February 2.

Miss Mimi Sjahrir, pretty 19-year-old daughter of the former Indonesian Republican Prime Minister, will make her debut as a dancer in London on Friday night.

She will be the featured attraction in a programme of Indonesian folk dances to be held at Conway Hall for the benefit of the Indonesian Red Cross. She left Java at the time her father was Ambassador-at-large for the Indonesian Republic.

Miss Sjahrir, who came to London from Singapore, is studying the piano at Queen's College.

Her father, Sutan Sjahrir, is one of the most famous Indonesian Nationalist leaders. He was arrested by the Dutch during last December's military operations against the Republic.—Associated Press.

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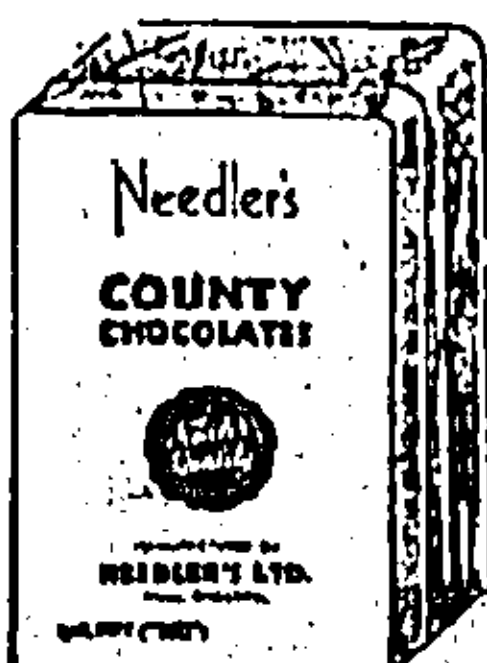
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Colour Bar In School

East St. Louis, Illinois, February 1.

Rock Junior High School here closed down today when about 400 white pupils walked out of classes when they learned that Negro children were in the building attempting to enrol. Ten Negro children, accompanied by adults, walked into Rock School before classes began and were seated in a vacant classroom. White pupils, accompanied by scores of parents, immediately walked out and many of them carrying signs urging Negroes to keep out, paraded around the school. Two squads of police were on hand to keep order.—United Press.

JEWS REJECT BUNCHE PLAN FOR THE NEGEV

Rhodes, February 2.

A reliable source said last night that the Jews have rejected completely the "Buncho Lino" as a solution to the disputed boundaries of the Negev.

This strong action by the Jews followed radio communication with Tel-Aviv.

The Arab special emissary, Colonel Sherrine, who had taken the proposals to Cairo for acceptance or rejection did not return on Tuesday so that the Egyptian viewpoint is not yet known. He is expected back in Rhodes today.

On Monday, Dr. Ralph Bunche submitted several working papers to both delegations on a virtual "take it or leave it" basis.

The Jewish opposition to the "Buncho Line" is based on their claim that it is not "realistic" because it does not recognise certain areas won in the October and December offensives.

The Bunche proposals would return some of this territory to the Egyptians, the source said. This the Jews will not allow.

Talks To End

Dr. Bunche and the United Nations political adviser, M. Henri Visier, have decided to leave Rhodes for New York at the end of this week, United Nations sources said in Haifa tonight.

These sources said they will end the Israeli-Egyptian armistice talks then, whatever the results. The talks, which began on January 13, have gone on much longer than was planned.

Meanwhile, Israel is prepared to discuss an armistice at Rhodes with Transjordan as soon as the present Israeli-Egyptian negotiations are over.

Jerusalem Status

The Israeli Government has decided to terminate the military governorship of Jerusalem.

The effect of this move is to change the status of Jerusalem from "Israeli-occupied territory" to part of the State of Israel. The newly-elected Israeli Constituent Assembly will hold its first meeting in Jerusalem next month.

The military governorship was introduced last August until decision on the future status of the city was taken. The official statement does not make clear when the governorship will end, but a spokesman said the decision was taken at a Cabinet meeting last night and will go into effect soon, possibly next week.

Israel has insisted, since the Jewish State was founded, that Jerusalem be the capital. The military governorship is at present held by Dr. Bernard Joseph, a Canadian-born scholar.

U.S. Attitude

Jerusalem will now have the same form of civil administration as other Israeli cities.

It is authoritatively reported that during their recent meeting, President Truman told the British Ambassador to Washington, Sir Oliver Franks, that America will not oppose annexation of New Jerusalem to Israel together with a broad stretch of territory connecting it with the coastal plain.

The Jews have established a number of new settlements in this plain.—Associated Press and Reuter.

Excessive Use Of Heroin

Geneva, February 1.

An expert committee of the World Health Organisation today demanded direct investigations into the excessive use by Finland and Italy of the dangerous habit-forming drug of heroin.

Last month, the United Nations Central Opium Board reported an enormous consumption of heroin by Finland.

The expert committee resolved today that further information is urgently needed on the present medical use of this powerful habit-forming drug and on the possibility of replacing it by less dangerous drugs.

The expert committee also framed a mechanism for identifying new synthetic drugs of a dangerous habit-forming character, at present known by a wide variety of names in different countries. It also urged that two extraordinarily potent new synthetic drugs—dolantin (also known as pethidine or demerol), used sometimes in place of morphine and atropine, and methadone (sometimes called amidone) be placed under international control.

The committee said these two drugs are two or three times as powerful as morphine and pronounced them definitely habit-forming.—Reuter.

INCIDENT AT ISRAELI OFFICE

London, February 1.

A small bottle, smelling of paraffin oil, was thrown through a window of the Israeli Government office in Manchester Square, London, tonight. No one was injured.—Reuter.

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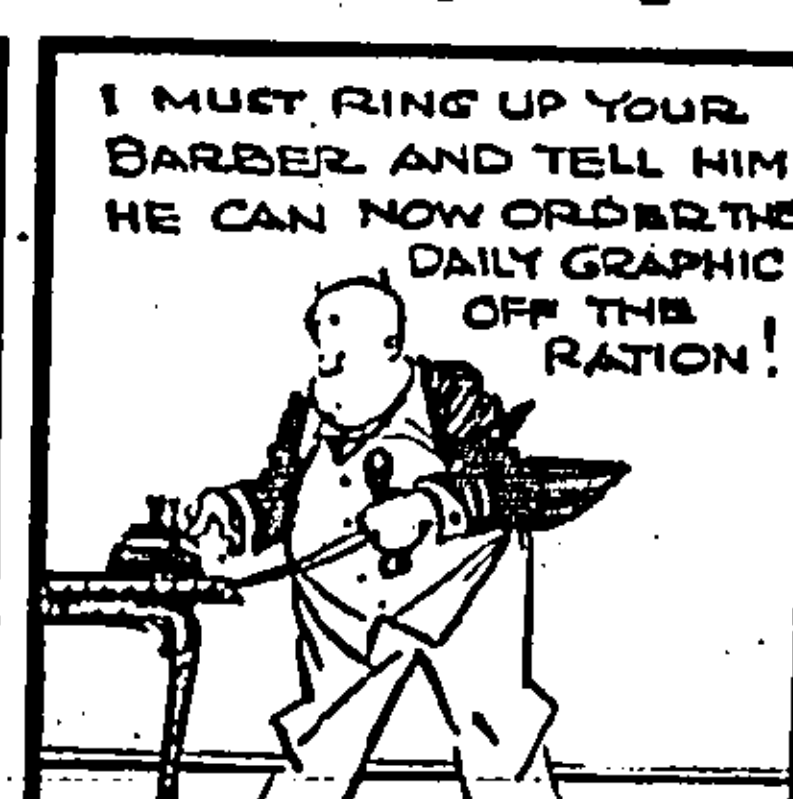
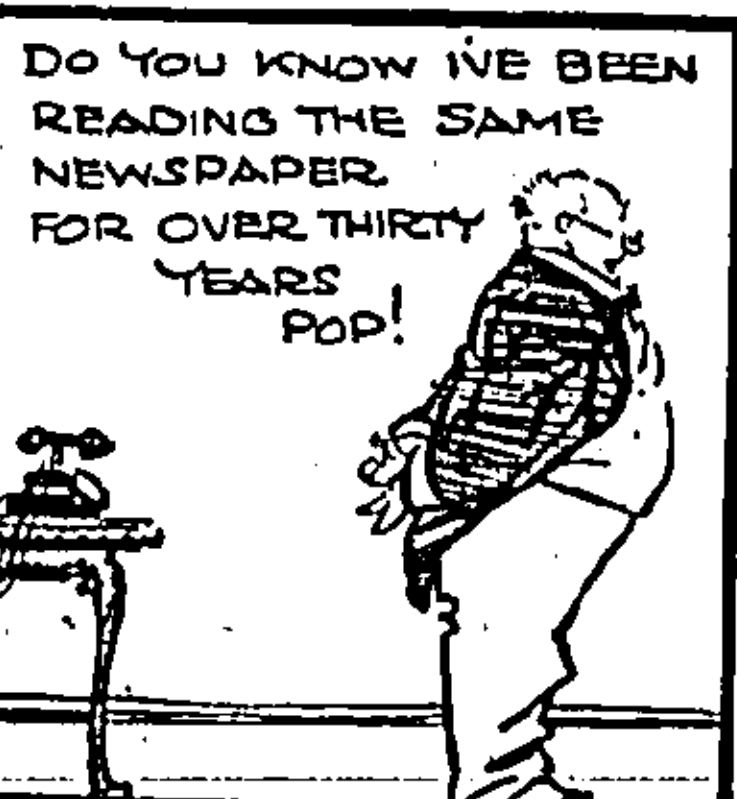
London, February 1.

Fines ranging from five to 10 shillings were imposed by a magistrate today on five men arrested last night during demonstrations outside the Kensington Town Hall, where Sir Oswald Mosley, the "Union Movement" leader, was speaking.

A sixth, a 25-year-old journalist, was fined 7/6d for obstruction and an additional £5, or one month's imprisonment, on a charge of assault.

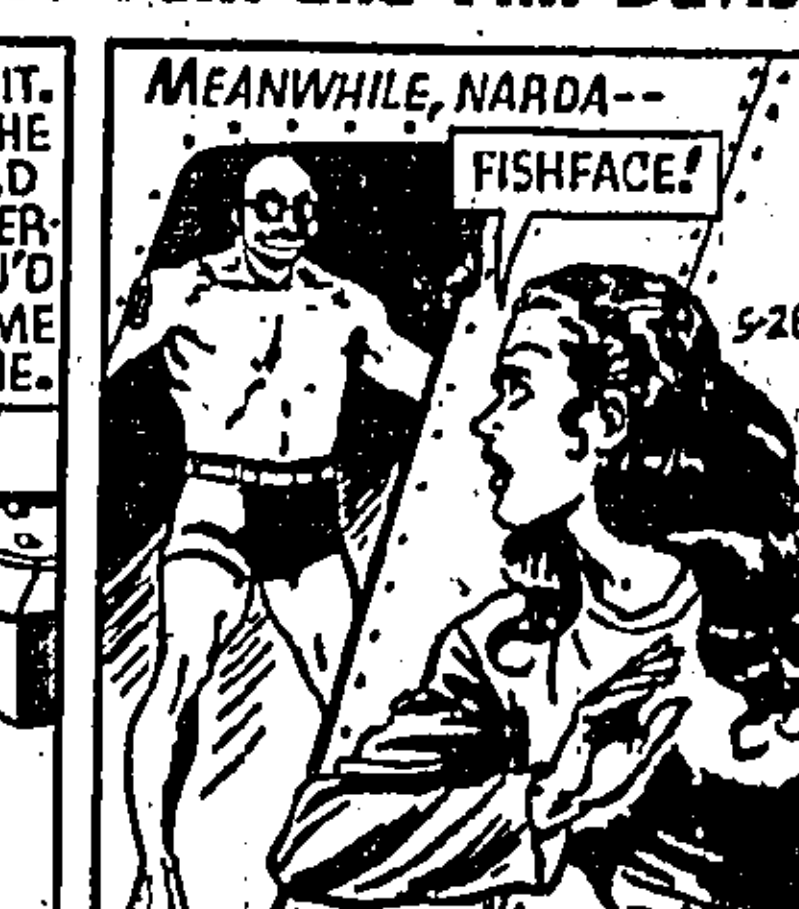
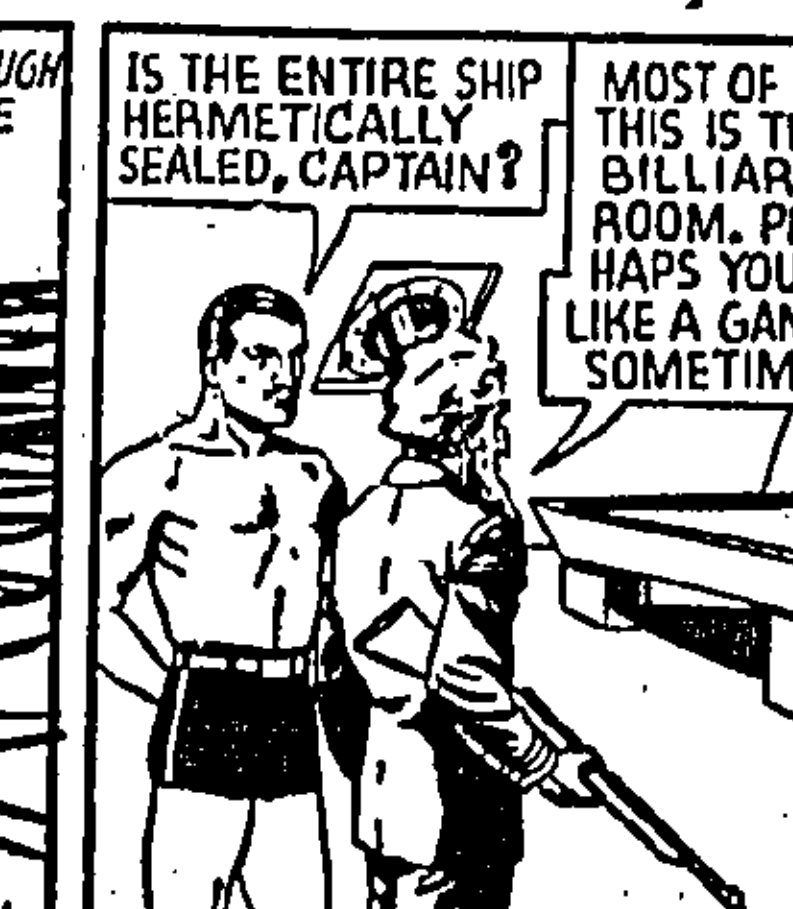
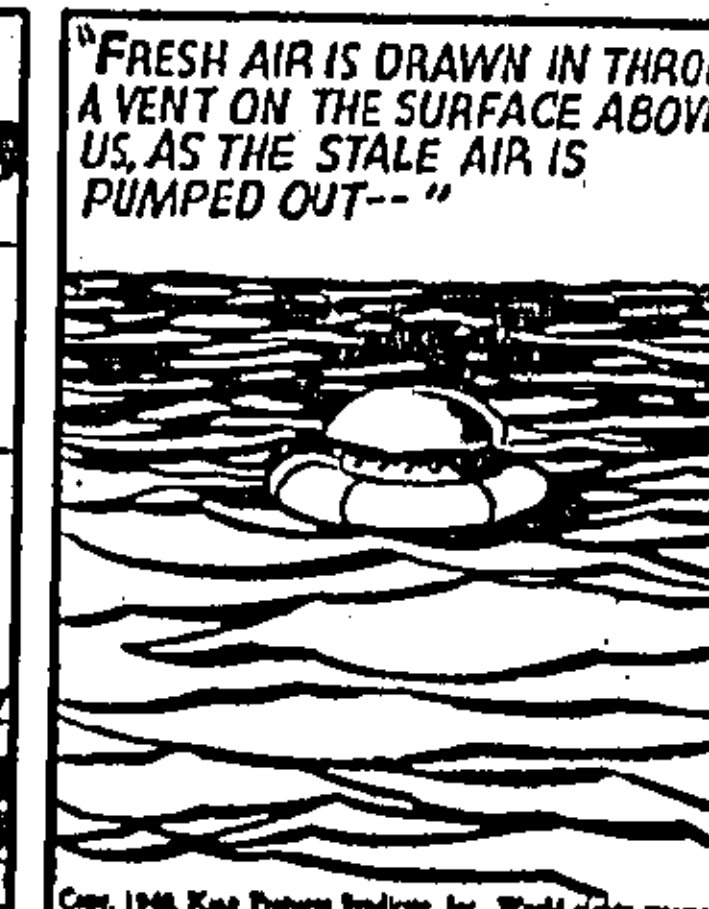
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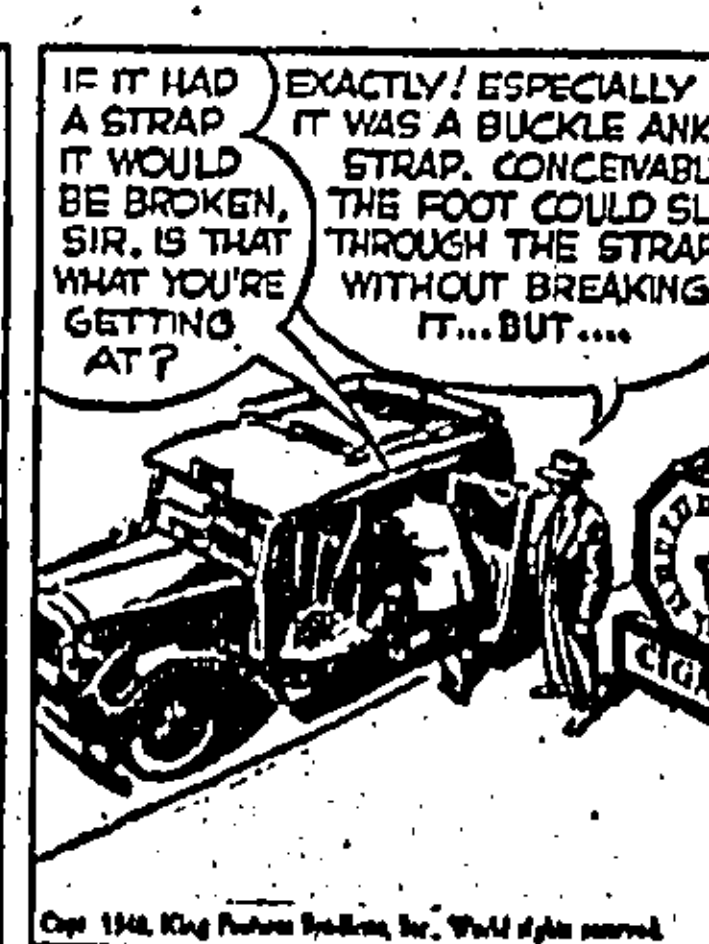
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ALL-PARTY COALITION
CABINET FOR HUNGARY

Budapest, February 2.

Guarantees of unconditional freedom of religion are given in the programme, announced today, of the newly-formed all-party Hungarian People's Independence Front.

The Front replaces the former National Independence Front.

The programme, read by Mr. Matyas Rakosi, Hungarian Vice-Premier, after his election as President of the new "Front," also announces "a consistent

fight against all attempts to use the organisation, spiritual influence and international connections of any Church to give support to domestic or foreign enemies of the people's democracy."

It declares for a "consistent struggle against all evidences of Chauvinism."

Russian
Resolution
Defeated

Lake Success, February 1.

The United Nations Trusteeship Council today defeated a Russian move to grant native inhabitants of trust areas the right to send representatives to Council sessions.

The Soviet proposal, as well as a similar Philippine plan, was rejected after a sharp exchange of words between the Soviet delegate (Mr. A. A. Solodov) on one hand and the Western-aligned delegates on the other.

The bitterest exchange came when the French delegate (Mr. Roger Garreau) said that the Soviet plan would open the Trusteeship Council to agitators from the Cominform.

Mr. Solodov snapped back with a charge that the French remarks are a direct libel and akin to soapbox oratory.

The defeat of the Russian and Philippine proposals does not end the matter, since the Council must vote tomorrow on a milder Chinese resolution governing native representatives.

United Press.

The programme says that the Front stands for "complete transformation of the thinking of our people in the spirit of true patriotism, an inseparable part of which is the international brotherhood of the working classes and free peoples."

Guarantees are given of full equality and national rights to national minorities.

It is believed that much of the new programme will be included in a new constitution for Hungary as a People's Republic which, according to the programme, will turn the great political and social achievements of the Hungarian people into the fundamental laws of our people's democracy."

Support Expected

Mr. Istvan Dobi, Prime Minister and President of the Smallholders Party, and Mr. Ferenc Erde, leader of the National Peasants Party, were elected Vice-Presidents. Mr. L. Rak, Foreign Minister, was elected Secretary.

The National Council, including representatives of all organisations in the Front, was formed today.

Of the 43 members of this Council, 17 represent the Workers Party, eight the Smallholders, five the National Peasants, five the Trade Union Federation, four the Association of Working Peasants, and two each the Democratic Women's Front and Youth Organisations.

It is expected that several of the smaller Parliamentary opposition parties will agree to join the Front.

Socialisation

The programme says that the Front stands for a "constantly closer unity of the Democratic forces instead of competition between the political parties."

Other points mentioned by Mr. Rakosi were the introduction of full mechanisation in agriculture, support of the co-operative movement among peasants, and freedom of action and financial support for intellectuals, "who are in the service of the country's economic and cultural progress."

He also referred to support for public health, housing, social security, general culture, education and further socialisation. — Reuter.

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Petition By
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The petition, signed by 53 representatives, was sent to Government during the Chinese New Year holidays.

The document requested Government to consider the points in the women's petition and if possible to forward the petition to the Colonial Office.

The women submitted a similar petition last year. Government replied a month ago stating that the Financial Sub-Committee decided it could not consider the petition at the time.

There are more than 200 women employees in Government service, mostly in the educational and health departments.

Exhumation
After Dark

London, February 1.

The police authorities cordoned off a cemetery at Great Harwood, Lancashire, after dark last night and exhumed 71-year-old Fanny Adeline Dawson, who died at her home last May.

An hour later she was re-buried after an autopsy by two doctors. Before re-burial, an inquest was opened by the Preston coroner. He said: "Statements have been made which have given rise to suspicion. I thought it would be best to order an exhumation."

Police Raid Divan
At Taikoktsui

What was described by Sub-Inspector J. H. Evans as "the first real divan to be raided at Taikoktsui after a watch of six weeks" was entered by a police party, led by Divisional-Superintendent G. A. R. Wright-North and Sub-Inspector J. Holmes, on February 1.

The unnumbered hut in which the divan was contained was a large one, specially erected for the purpose to which it was put, said SI Evans. There was an alcove in which the keeper, 42-year-old unemployed Ho Chung, kept his paraphernalia, and a special exit for emergencies.

During the raid, the keeper and 16 smokers were arrested, and 11 pipes, 16 lamps, and 28 small pots and two tins of prepared opium were seized. Ho Chung was sentenced to four months' imprisonment and recommendation. Two of the smokers had their two of \$100 each expropriated, and the remaining 14 were each fined \$75, when they were charged before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

Inspector Channing, Officer-in-Charge of the Kowloon Emergency Unit, received a telephone message on February 1 that an armed robbery had taken place at 1020 Canton Road, second floor.

On arrival at the place, the Emergency Unit personnel found, not an armed robbery, but an opium divan with a keeper and 14 smokers. Two of the smokers jumped out from the verandah, sustained slight injuries and were treated at the Kowloon Hospital.

The police also found five pipes, three pipe heads, 13 lamps, and 44 small and one large pot of prepared opium.

Charged before Mr. Blair-Kerr yesterday, Cheung Keung pleaded guilty to being the keeper and was sentenced to three months' imprisonment and recommended for banishment. His customers were each fined \$75 or two weeks' imprisonment in default.

Raid On Hut

Detective-Inspector D.L. Davies led a police party on a raid on an unnumbered hut at Tung Tau Village on February 1, and arrested Cheung Fook and six other persons on the premises which was being used as an opium divan.

When Cheung was charged before Mr. Blair-Kerr with keeping a divan, Sub-Inspector J. H. Evans informed the court that six pipes, eight lamps, and six pots of prepared opium were seized by the police.

Cheung was sentenced to three months' imprisonment and recommended to be deported. His six patrons were fined \$75 each. Convicted on the charges of keeping an opium divan and possession of opium pipes, Ng Po-yuk, 31-year-old woman, was

sentenced to two months' imprisonment by Mr. Blair-Kerr yesterday.

SI Evans said that the divan was situated in an unnumbered hut at Kowloon Tsai Village, and was raided by Sub-Inspector Fung Lok on February 1. Besides the keeper, two smokers were arrested, and one pipe and two lamps were seized.

The smokers were fined \$50 each.

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M.V. BALI		12th Mar.

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10 p.m. 4/2/1949	9 p.m. 3/2/1949
10 p.m. 6/2/1949	9 p.m. 5/2/1949
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AIR AND SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Shipping Arrivals

YESTERDAY

FUKUEN (H & S) British, 1,891 tons, ex-
Japan, N. Moller, 11/14TINIAN (H & S) British, 2,100 tons, ex-
Swatow, J.G. Smart, Cust. Whf.NANYANG (H & S) ex-Singapore, ex-New
York, T. Forester (Goulet) ex-New

YORK, PIONEER COVE (USL) ex-New York, 18/1

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Shipping Departures

YESTERDAY

CHANGTUNG (H & S) for Japan, 18/1

HUPFEN (H & S) for Japan, 18/1

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